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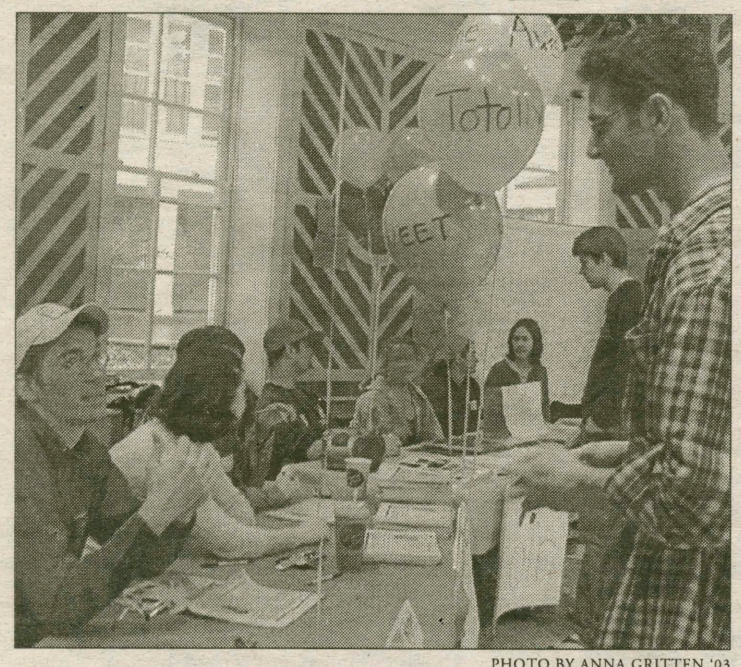

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Accepted students check out Hamilton activities.

College names degree recipients

Belshaw, Grubin, Jackson, Pizzarelli, Strauss and Lehrer selected to receive honorary degrees at May commencement

by Christopher G. Takacs '05
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Six individuals will receive honorary degrees at Hamilton's 191st commencement on Sunday, May 25. Hamilton will honor The Rt. Rev. G.P. Mellick Belshaw, retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey; Hamilton alumnus David Grubin '65, documentary producer, director, writer and cinematographer; Shirley Ann Jackson, president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; John "Bucky" Pizzarelli, jazz guitarist; Roger W. Straus, founder of Farrar, Straus & Giroux Publishers, and Jim Lehrer, Public Broadcasting news anchor. Lehrer will also deliver the commencement speech.

The Rev. Belshaw, now retired from his position as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey, is a trustee of The General Theological Seminary and the chairman of the Coalition for Peace Action in Princeton, New Jersey. He was formerly the chairman of the board of trustees of the General Theological Seminary, serving from 1992 to 2000, as well as the acting dean and president from 1997 to 1998. He also holds a position on the boards of the *Anglican Theological Review* and The American Teilhard Association. A former editor of *Lent with Evelyn Underhill* and *Lent With William Temple*, Belshaw is the author of articles in *The Anglican Theological Review, St. Luke's Journal* and the *Teilhard Perspective*. Belshaw is also the former president of the Episcopal Urban Caucus and current president of the Coalition of Religious Leaders of New Jersey.

David Grubin '65 has produced over 100 films on a variety of subjects, and has won eight Emmys, three George Foster Peabody Awards, and two Alfred duPont-Columbia University awards. Grubin's biographies of American presidents for "The American Experience" on PBS and his five-part PBS series "Healing and the Mind with Bill Moyers," have won him great acclaim and a number of awards. In addition, the companion book to "Healing and the Mind" rose to and remained on the *New York Times'* bestseller list for 32 weeks. His film about United Nations General Secretary Kofi Annan, "Center of the Storm," aired recently on PBS, while his upcoming projects, biographies of Robert Kennedy and Marie Antoinette, will also be shown on the Public Broadcasting Service. Grubin is also a member of the Directors Guild, the Writers Guild, a Guggenheim fellow, a Montgomery fellow at

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Hamilton welcomes accepted students

by Erin Weaver '05
NEWS WRITER

On Tuesday April 22 and Wednesday April 23 the Admissions Office hosted the annual Accepted Student Open House for Hamilton's incoming Class of 2007. The two-day event consisted of various academic and social activities designed to give accepted students and their families a sense of Hamilton College.

201 accepted students could be found all around campus on Tuesday and Wednesday. Some attended the program with family members, bringing the total visitor count to 405. Some sat in on classes, others braved the April snow to take a campus tour, and many not yet familiar faces were spotted at Tuesday's concert in the Chapel, which featured performances by all of Hamilton's *a cappella* groups, Bobby Peru,

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Students create community connections

by Stephanie Valle '05
NEWS WRITER

The Levitt Public Affairs Center sponsored a Community Connections Conference in conjunction with the Oneida County Communities that Care Program on Thursday afternoon at Hamilton.

The conference, which was open to anyone on the Hill as well as community leaders from various public and private agencies, organizations, and churches in the area, concentrated on youth and families. Communities that Care is a county-based initiative that focuses on human service needs.

"Communities that Care was developed by two sociologists from the University of Washington in Seattle," said Judy Owens-Manley, associate director for Community Research at the Levitt Center and coordinator of the conference. "The Levitt Center has been involved in the program for the past three years."

According to Owens-Manly, Communities that Care was developed in Oneida County as a response to the acts of violence in schools across the country. It is a "comprehensive community initiative model based on risk-focused prevention" and the premise that problems can be prevented by identifying risk factors and finding ways to reduce those risks.

Following opening remarks by Dean of the Faculty David Paris, the first report presented by Owens-Manley was a community profile that studied four identified risk factors: economic deprivation, family management and conflict, early and persistent antisocial behavior and alienation or rebelliousness. This community profile was then used to look at five negative outcomes affecting youth as a result of these risk factors, including substance abuse, school drop-out, delinquency, teenage pregnancy, and violence. The second report was an inventory of resources that Oneida County has to deal with these problems, which was funded by the Levitt Center and a grant from the Community Foundation. Other speakers included Communities that Care Director Joseph Glaze, the Commissioners of Social Services and Mental Health, and the local BOCES supervisor.

"Our role at the Levitt Center has been to consult with Communities that Care and to be able to bring everyone together," said Owens-Manley of the Levitt Center's goals.

After the reports were presented, eight students from Hamilton held a poster session on issues they had studied inside and outside of class. The posters in-

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Former FBI agent discusses experiences, his new book, and his Hamilton English degree

by Kat Lexa '05
COPY EDITOR

Next time someone tells you that you can not do anything with an English degree, sit them down and tell them the story of Christopher Whitcomb '81. Whitcomb recently authored *Cold Zero: Inside the FBI's Hostage Rescue Team* and currently works as a commentator for MSNBC. Among his long list of previous work experience lies a stint working as an FBI Special Agent and on the FBI Hostage Rescue team.

When the USS Cole was bombed off the coast of Yemen, Special Agent Whitcomb flew to the site of the terrorist attack with a team of intelligence officers to investigate the details of the bombing. Describing the FBI of the time, he said, "In the late 1990s, the FBI was moving toward a new sort of role in international crime. Trying to protect American interests 'beyond her borders' had never been done before."

Whitcomb commented that often agents did not know who they were working with on an assignment. While in Yemen, Whitcomb was part of an international crime team composed of a group of people from an assortment of other agencies, all of whom he jokingly referred to as "Joe."

In Yemen, authorities told the American agents that they were more than welcome in Yemen, but only in their particular hotel, and under no circumstances were they allowed to leave the grounds. An inviting target, the

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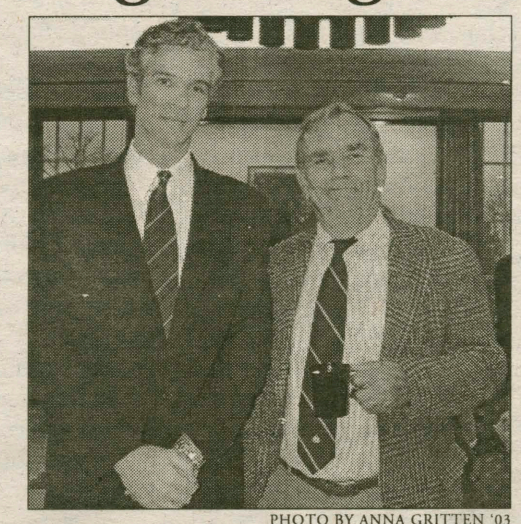

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Whitcomb '81 and an alumnus who attended his lecture.

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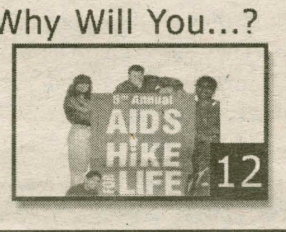

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Week's Athletes...

Potential students show up en masse for evening of comedy, capoeira, a cappella

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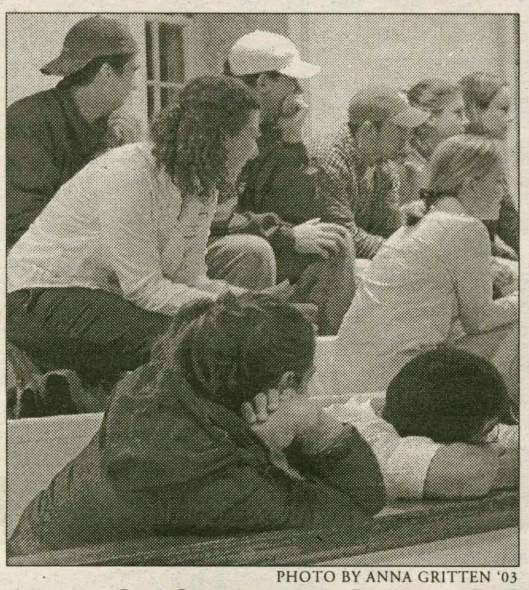
Yodapez, Great American, and the capoeira club.

Accepted students also got the opportunity to peruse the wide variety of academic and social options offered at Hamilton at the Academic Fair and Student Organization Fair, both held in Beinecke on Tuesday evening. At the Academic Fair, prospective Hamiltonians got the chance to meet with professors from various academic departments. Similarly, at the Student Organization Fair, those attending had the chance to speak with representatives of Hamilton's many student organizations.

Many accepted students chose to spend Tuesday night on campus with a Hamilton student. Alex Sear '05, the women's overnight hosting coordinator for Open House, said that "about 80" accepted female students were hosted, and that "Everybody who wanted to be hosted was; the vast majority were just matched up with somebody who shared the same interests." Likewise, according to Dave Reiner '05, the male overnight hosting coordinator, "all the students (around 70 males) that wanted to stay overnight were accommodated." Both Sear and Reiner declared the overnight hosting a success. Sear commented: "[The event] always goes really well. We heard a lot of students and parents saying it went really well, though the weather wasn't as cooperative as it was last year." Reiner added, "Overall it went really well, all the events we had were very well attended, and everyone I talked to seemed to have had a good time."



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Accepted and current students packed the Chapel for student entertainment.

Associate Dean of Admission Will Cardamone served as the Open House Coordinator. He too deemed this year's Accepted Student Open House a success in an all-campus e-mail he sent on Wednesday. He wrote: "This year I want to thank all ofyou for displaying Hamilton's friendly and warm nature despite our seemingly endless winter weather. As always, the programs were beautifully produced, the grounds of the campus looked great, the signs were bright and clear, the food was delicious and nicely presented, the classrooms and buildings we used were immaculately prepared, the students were treated with care and graciousness by all the many greeters, tourguides and hosts, and the faculty and administrators who met with them gladly shared information and left this very strong group of prospectives and their families with a wonderful sense of what makes Hamilton such a remarkable place."

Six honorary degree recipients represent wide variety of fields

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Dartmouth college, a fellow of the American Society of Historians, and a member of the board of directors of the Film Forum.

Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson is the president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) and holds a Ph.D in theoretical elementary particle physics and a S.B. in physics from M.I.T. She held the position of chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commision fron 1995 to 1999, and organized the creation of the International Nuclear Regulators Association, to which she was elected chairman. From 1976 to 1991 Jackson worked at AT&T Bell Laboratories, researching theoretical physics, solid state and quantum physics, and optical physics, before becoming a professor of physics at Rutgers University. Until 1995, she taught both undergraduate and graduate courses, researced the electrical and optical properties of two-dimensional systems, and supervised Ph.D candidates. Jackson will take on the position of president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest scientific society, in February. She wasalso named one of the top 50 women in science by *Discover Magazine* in 2002, and was recognized in the *Essence* published book, *50 of the Most Inspiring African Americans*.

John "Bucky" Pizzarelli started his career in music at age 17, playing in the Vaughn Monroe Dance band from 1943 to 1951. He then joined NBC as a staff musician; he played in the Doc Severinson band on the "Tonight Show." Pizzarelli later recorded with Benny Goodman. His first alblum as lead artist was entitled "Green Guitar Blues." The album contained historic guitar compositions from the 1930s.Following the production of this record, the musician adopted the seven-string electric guitar exclusively, and dedicated himself to old-style guitar music, crafting a unique style of play early on in his career. Pizzarelli served on the faculty of William Paterson University from 1971 to 1988, and appeared on the soundtrack of Woody Allen's movie, "Sweet and Lowdown."

Roger W. Straus '39 founded Farrar, Straus and Company Publishers, (now Farrar, Straus and Giroux Publishers) in 1946, and has been president and chief executive officer ever since. Before founding the company, Straus was a reporter and writer for the *White Plains Daily Reporter*, a reporter and writer for the *Columbia Missourian*, the editor and publisher of *Asterisk*, associate editor of *Forum*, associate editor of *Current History*, and president of Book Ideas. Further, Straus has been chairman of the advisory board of the *Partisan Review*, of the publications board of *American Judaism*, and the director of the University of Missouri Press. He is the author of *War Letters from Britain* and *The New Order*; and co-editor of T*he Sixth Column.*

Before teaming up with Robert MacNeil in 1975 to host the "MacNeil/Lehrer Report," a television program that won over thirty awards for journalistic excellence, Jim Lehrer had been a newspaperman in Dallas and the host of an experimental news program on public television. MacNeil and Lehrer two later launched the first 60-minute evening news program in television's history: the "MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour." When MacNeil retired in 1995, the show became the "NewsHour with Jim Lehrer." Honored with numerous awards, Lehrer is one of the most respected names in television journalism. He has hosted nine of the televised presidential candidate debates during the past four elections.

Whitcomb '81 on bin Laden: "He has to go"

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agents received information that "they" knew intelligence agents were staying in the hotel, and "they" were coming to get them.

Whitcomb thought that his life was coming to an end. "There is a very commonsensical resignation at that point that you only control certain components of your life, and those may not be the components [that will save your life]," he described.

Fortunately, thanks to people whose only reason for being in Yemen was to provide backup in the event that Whitcomb's team was threatened, a group whom Whitcomb called "people that you will never even get a chance to thank", the hotel was not blown-up that night.

Addressing the current war on terrorism, Whitcomb said, "It's not something you read in newspapers; it's not something that's confined to discussion at fine academic institutions. I'm not talking about war, I'm talking about what goes on behind it, what George W. Bush called the shadow war, that has prevented the US from falling victim to a terrorist attack."

Said Whitcomb, "Terrorism isn't about inflicting casualties, it's about the fear of it." In order to defy terrorists, and to effectively win the war, people need to combat the fear, and live their life with the freedom that this country guarantees.

Following his talk, Whitcomb held a question and answer session. First, he was asked his opinion on finding the terrorists responsible for events such as 9/11. "We, as a culture, want figureheads," said Whitcomb/ "We're wrapped around symbolism and Osama bin Laden was wrapped up by the Bush Administration as the devil incarnate. As long as he is out there he grows as a folk hero, as a symbol of people who mean us harm. He has to go."

In terms of the symbolism leaders like Osama bin Laden lend to their followers, Whitcomb said, "They need someone to hang behind; they need some reason to do it. They can point to a picture of Osama bin Laden and say, see, that's the reason to martyr yourself," he stated.

"Up to the emergence of Al Qaeda," added Whitcomb. "Terrorism around the world was largely separatist. Al Qaeda changed all that." Al Qaeda lent a common cause to terrorism; instead of being a specific group with the goal of obtaining a homeland, they wanted simply to disturb, if not destroy, the US.

Whitcomb touched on the troubling nature of working in the intelligence world against international crime and terrorism, saying, "Any given day you wanted to pack up your desk and go home, and yet you didn't because the world has to go on."

Concerning the fault of the intelligence agencies for the disaster of 9/11, Whitcomb said, "It wasn't about letting our guard down. It wasn't a high-tech weapons of mass destruction attack; it was an attack of will."

However, according to Whitcomb, one of the good results that has come out of the terrorist attacks has been the change in attitude among politicians toward intelligence agencies and their willingness to allow the agencies enough room to complete necessary operations.

So what can someone do with an English major? Or, for that matter, any other major from Hamilton College? Becoming a special agent with the FBI is one option. Or, as Dean of Faculty Timothy Elgren put it, becoming "an engaged citizen."

Levitt Center hosts community conference

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cluded the issue of domestic violence studied in a semester-long course, reports on the journal writing project with middle-school girls, the state of women in Oneida and Hamilton counties, and posters from HAVOC volunteers.

"One of the things Hamilton has been interested in is a connection with the community," said Owens-Manley. "Students can see at the conference what goes on in the community, and apply their education to help solve the problems." Owens-Manley says the community also benefits from the support and technical expertise the College is able to give.

In the future, Owens-Manley would like to see more courses at Hamilton that have a community component to them.

"Students love being engaged in the community, being a part of the community and really helping," she explained enthusiastically.

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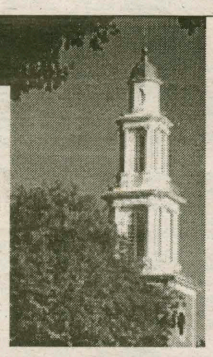
Paris and Owens-Manly.

IVORY TOWERS



THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Alexandra Sear '05

Harvard Law Prof. to Lead War Crimes Tribunal

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A visiting professor at Harvard Law School will be the chief prosecutor for the first permanent international war crimes tribunal. Professor Luis Moreno Ocampo was unanimously chosen Monday to be the chief prosecutor of the newly formed International Criminal Court.

The ICC, which is run under the auspices of the United Nations, was designed as a permanent replacement for the temporary ad hoc agencies that have prosecuted war crimes in the past.

As chief prosecutor, Moreno Ocampo, who is an Argentine national, will lead investigations and prosecute cases against suspected war criminals when national judicial systems are deemed unable or unwilling to pursue the case.

"Because of the exceptional character of the court, the absence of trials led by this court as a consequence of the regular functioning of national institutions will be its major success," he told the Associated Press.

More than 200 complaints have already been filed with the tribunal — whose jurisdiction is limited to 89 signatory nations — but neither Iraq nor the United States are accountable to the ICC because they have not ratified its establishment.

Although the Clinton administration supported the ICC during its formative stages, President Bush has declined to sign on to the court, arguing that the tribunal may castigate American soldiers and military officials with unwarranted or overblown charges brought by countries harboring hostility towards the United States.

But Moreno Ocampo said that with a responsible policy toward choosing cases and a sensible use of power, the tribunal will be able to gain legitimacy and win favor among the court's opponents.

U. Illinois Researcher's Deep Throat Unveiling Resounds Nationwide

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON, D.C. — Many have made guesses as to the identity of the anonymous source who helped the Washington Post crack the Watergate Scandal.

President Nixon himself once said he thought Deep Throat was FBI director W. Mark Felt. But none of the guesses have been right.

"This seems to happen every so often," Washington Post Vice President Ben Bradlee said. "I seem to survive the announcements."

But Tuesday, University of Illinois journalism professor Bill Gaines, based on three years of research with his investigative reporting classes, claimed that Deep Throat, who changed journalism and turned the political world upside down, is Washington, D.C. attorney Fred Fielding.

This time is different. Gaines and his students relied solely on documents to build their case. Guesswork was not in the picture.

Kelly Soderlund, senior in communications, said students went into the investigation without bias, unlike most Watergate officials who made their own guesses. The class systematically eliminated suspects one by one who did not fit their profile.

"He was swayed by if it could be documented, verified," Managing Editor of the Chicago Tribune Robert Blau said of Gaines' investigations at the paper. "That was the simple, yet brutally effective way he worked," he said.

Gaines said it was ridiculous that no one figured out the mystery before because no one else could have fit the description in "All the President's Men."

"It's not fair that they've been yanking our chain," Gaines said. "We just went to the library across the street and looked at the dusty shelves."

What they found on those dusty shelves were FBI files on microfilm that would help them narrow down their suspect list. Along with documents from the National Archives and Nixon tapes online, they concluded that Fielding was their only choice.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Alexandra Sear '05

U.S. Forces in Iraq Capture Tariq Aziz

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. forces in Iraq have taken custody of Tariq Aziz, the former deputy prime minister and the most visible Iraqi leader other than Saddam Hussein.

Officials at the Pentagon and at Central Command headquarters in Qatar said Thursday they did not know whether Aziz was captured or whether he turned himself in.

On the U.S. list of the 55 most-wanted members of the former government, Aziz was No. 43, the eight of spades in the military's card deck of top Iraqi leaders.

His prominence in the regime could make Aziz a source for the best information yet on the fate of Saddam and his two sons, as well as the location of any hidden weapons of mass destruction.

"We can confirm Tariq Aziz is now under coalition control," said Central Command spokeswoman Capt. Dani Burrows.

Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., former chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Thursday night the arrest of another top Iraq official, in Syria, would be announced shortly.

N. Korea Warns U.S. It Has Nuclear Arms

WASHINGTON (AP) — North Korea's lead official at nuclear weapons talks in China told a U.S. envoy that his country has nuclear weapons and may test, export or use them depending on U.S. actions, a senior American official said Thursday.

The comment was made by North Korean delegate Ri Gun to Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly during a social gathering Wednesday following formal discussions on the North's nuclear weapons program, said the senior U.S. official, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

Kelly did not respond to Ri's comment, said the official.

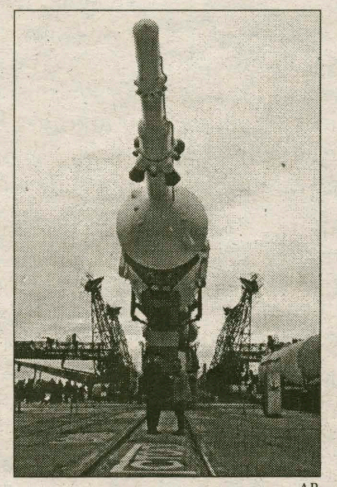
According to the official, Ri said during the plenary session earlier that North Korea has reprocessed all 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods in its possession.

If true, that would put North Korea much closer to building six to eight additional weapons beyond the one or two it is believed to have at present.

Russians Prepare for Launch to ISS

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan (AP) — Russia on Thursday rolled out the spacecraft that will carry the next crew to the international space station, filling the gap left by the suspension of U.S. shuttle flights after the Columbia disaster.

The Soyuz TMA-2 capsule - an updated version of the longest-serving manned spacecraft in the world - was roped into service to ensure the orbiting outpost, some 250 miles above Earth, isn't abandoned.



AP

Carrying Russian cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko and American astronaut Edward Lu, the spaceship is scheduled to blast off Saturday from the Baikonur Cosmodrome.

Without the U.S. shuttles, the Soyuz and Russia's unmanned Progress cargo ship are the only links to the $60 billion international space station.

"Obviously, this mission is very important in terms of the survival of the international space station," said Sergei Gorbunov, chief spokesman for Rosaviakosmos, the Russian space agency.

For Russia's cash-strapped space industry, the international space station has important symbolic value: Without it, Russian rockets would primarily be used to lift commercial satellites into orbit.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled by Alexandra Sear '05

Junior High Student Kills Principal, Self

RED LION, Pa. (AP) — A 14-year-old boy shot and killed his school principal inside a crowded junior high cafeteria Thursday morning, then killed himself with a second handgun, authorities said.

The shootings happened about 15 minutes before classes were to start at Red Lion Area Junior High School.

"Everyone ran out of the cafeteria yelling, 'He has a gun!'" eighth-grader Danny Dulin said.

Principal Eugene Segro, 51, who was shot once in the chest, was pronounced dead at a hospital. James Sheets, 14, died at the scene of a shot to the head, Coroner Barry Bloss said.

Sheets brought three loaded handguns to school in his backpack and used at least two of them in the shootings, police said. The principal was killed with a .44-caliber weapon, while the student was believed to have been killed with a .22-caliber weapon.

Officials did not know of any school or legal problems the boy was facing, and said his parents had no reason to expect anything was wrong.

"We don't know why, period," Red Lion Borough Police Chief Walt Hughes said. "I think it's safe to say that something was building inside of him that he couldn't control."

Ashcroft: Security Fears Merit Detentions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most illegal immigrants can be jailed indefinitely without bond when national security risks exist, Attorney General John Ashcroft has declared in a legal opinion. Immigration advocates are calling that an abuse of power in the name of fighting terrorism.

The order means such aliens will not be released on bond while their cases are being decided by immigration judges if the government can show national security issues are involved.

"Such national security considerations clearly constitute a reasonable foundation for the exercise of my discretion to deny release on bond," Ashcroft said in the 19-page opinion, which was signed last Friday.

The opinion was requested by the Homeland Security Department, which now enforces most immigration laws, after the Board of Immigration Appeals upheld a judge's decision to release Haitian asylum-seeker David Joseph on $2,500 bond.

Cheryl Little, executive director of Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, said Ashcroft's opinion is the latest in a string of government decisions "manipulating our very serious national security concerns to justify targeting nationals of Haiti." Advocates for Latino and Muslim immigrants made similar comments on behalf of their constituencies.

Calif. Board Revises Emissions Rules

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California's air quality board Thursday abandoned a rule that had called for thousands of nonpolluting vehicles this year, trading it in for a regulation that embraces emerging technologies for cleaner cars.

The old rule, which effectively required automakers to produce battery-powered electric cars, was put on hold last year by a federal court. The rule was regarded as the toughest of its kind in the nation.

The revised rule, approved 8-3 by the California Air Resources Board, calls for hundreds of thousands of cleaner gasoline-burning vehicles, tens of thousands of gas-electric hybrids and 250 hydrogen fuel cell vehicles in the next five years. It is the first regulation in the nation requiring fuel cell vehicles.

Automakers had lauded experimental fuel cell vehicles as they criticized the old zero-emissions vehicle rule, which they said forced them to make pricey electric cars that consumers didn't want. But some said Thursday that they also would fight the fuel cell requirements, which require 25,000 of the vehicles by 2014.

The 1990 regulation, steadily eroded until it was put on hold, had required that 10 percent of cars for sale this year be nonpolluting.

Student Assembly Platforms

CCC Chair

Loubens Theork

Since I've been on the Hamilton campus, I feel that the students' interests have been under-represented in many areas. The ability of the faculty to reach out to the students often falls short. I believe that I can help to improve the campus through my commitment to seek out all of the groups on campus and learn about their interests. Then, I will be able to give great advise to the director of multicultural affairs, director of residential life, dean of students, the dean of faculty, vice president of administration and finance, and the president of the College. Bringing the students' true interests to the table will make a big difference, in my opinion.

Spencer Soloway

Student government at Hamilton is dysfunctional. When was the last time student government did something, anything for you?.

It's time for a change. That's why I'm running for the office of CCC Chair. It's time to end the practice of making major policy changes (i.e. the smoking ban) without student participation. It's time to save our social scene. Why not get gym credit for IM sports? How about using the campus card for laundry machines?

The CCC Chair is responsible for expressing student sentiment to the administration. If elected I promise to have the average student's voice heard for a change.

Appeals Board Representative

Robert Wang

Serving as an elected Representative of the Judicial Board for the past two years, I have witnessed various discrepancies that have constantly been overlooked. However, I believe it is the specific objective of the Appeals Board to examine every little aspect of Judicial Hearings, in order to make certain that each case is conducted with the utmost fairness and objectivity.

While I cannot make any promises, I can assure you an Appeals Board Representative of dedication, fairness, and honesty that will give it his best to fight for your rights and represent you to the best of my ability.

Class of 2004
Class Representative

Dan Fiore

My name is Dan Fiore, and I am interested in continuing my involvement in student government as a representative for the class of 2004. I feel that have proven that I am qualified for the position for two main reasons.

The first is that I am an active member of the Hamilton College community. I am involved in new student orientation, the recycling program, intramural sports, and the Inter-society council. Along with being involved on campus, I have a very diverse group of friends. Through my activities and friends, I am exposed to a wide variety of different perspectives.

If re-elected, I will continue to being fully committed to making sure that each member of the class of 2004's opinion is properly represented.

Michael Galante

This is my third attempt at this position and you can call me crazy, but I still really want to do it. Because of my losing streak in this election, or rather my 'lack of success' I am now convinced that you guys didn't vote for me for 4 reasons: A) You didn't like my platforms, B) You didn't think I was qualified for the job, C) You don't know me from a hole in the wall or D) You simply don't like me. Well, if you're one of those who doesn't know me then do me a favor...go ask someone and if you just don't like me, call me and we'll talk about it (ext. 2475).

Celine Geiger

Class of 2004: Do you want someone creative, energetic, motivated, and dedicated to represent you during the most important and most fun year of your college career? Then vote for Céline for Class Representative. If elected, I will continue to lead our class, from philanthropy activities to social events, in the best direction possible.

It has been a pleasure representing you, working with the Central Council to bring you '04 Pub Night, and to keep you updated on policies and plans brought to the Council's attention. A vote for Céline is a vote for a successful senior year.

Marla Nasser

Having served as class representative for the class of 2004 every semester excluding the present (studying abroad in London), I am very qualified to represent the class of 2004 our senior year. My constant dedication and work for our class will not only continue but improve next year. I hope to increase the number of activities for the senior class in addition to improving senior week.

I am not only experienced but also care deeply about serving our class. Student Assembly has always been an important part of my Hamilton life and I hope to continue this in my senior year.

Julie Smith

To my fellow students,

I am familiar with the workings of student assembly and I feel that I could contribute to the weekly discussions and help put into practice the requests of my fellow peers. I will work to better the student body in everyday life at College.

I am a confident public speaker and I am capable of listening to others opinions. In starting the Hamilton College Sailing Club, I have experience at leadership and working within a team setting and also with working with the administration at the College.

For those of you who know me, I am capable of getting a job well done and I will put all my efforts into fulfilling the goals of the student body.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Class of 2004
Honor Court Representative

Leah Tenney

As a representative of the class of 2004 to the Honor Court during my first two years at Hamilton, I always approached my cases fairly. I followed the sanctions set forth in the Honor Code booklet, and in doing so, upheld the standards of academic honesty upon which we all rely and of which we should all be proud.

I am extremely dedicated to the Court, and will certainly support the integrity of this student-founded body if elected. My dedication combined with my previous experience on the court make me a strong candidate for this position, and I would be honored to again be a part of the Court. Thank you.

Rachel Geringer-Dunn

My name is Rachel Geringer-Dunn, and I am applying for re-election to the Honor Court. Committed to Hamilton's standards for academic honesty and student responsibility, I take a great deal of pride in my work, and carry a strong academic course load. Many of my extracurricular activities are centered in academics, including revising a citation manual, tutoring children, and assisting professors in two College departments.

I believe my serious attitude and extracurricular choices demonstrate clear commitment to academic integrity. Hamilton's honor code is an important foundation of our community, protecting students and upholding exceptional academic standards.

I would sincerely like the opportunity to continue promoting this code as a member of the Honor Court.

Class of 2004
Judicial Board Representative

Teah Cerina

My name is Teah Cerina and I hope to be a Judicial Board Representative for the class of 2004. I understand the importance of upholding Hamilton standards, but at the same time, being fair and considering the entire situation. The rights of every member of the Hamilton community are important and need to be protected. I will ensure that this happens if I am elected as your Judicial Board representative. I am prepared for the amount of work, time, and energy that need to be put into this position, and I promise to be both fair and unbiased.

BJ Markle

My name is BJ Markle and I want your vote to be a 2004 Judicial Board representative.

As one of the current members of the board, I have successfully undertaken the commitment it took this year to represent the class well, and I delight in the possibility of gaining even further rewards that accompany these duties. Most importantly, it is imperative to me that every case be treated differently in certain respects, but always with equal importance and integrity.

So if you are looking for a representative to judge with consistency, fairness, and honesty, then re-elect BJ Markle, 2004 Judicial Board Representative.

Class of 2005
Class Representative

Elizabeth Conway

Vote Conway on Wednesday! Being the Class of 2005 Representative this past semester has been a great honor. I want nothing more than to represent the Class of '05 for our junior year. As we enter the second half of our time here, at Hamilton, we realize how quickly it is going. With everyone being so busy, I will make it my job to ensure that you know what is going on with the Student Assembly and the school. Beyond that, I want to know what you think! If you think that Hamilton needs some changes... I want to know! Please consider me, Beth Conway for Class of 2005 Representative.

David Sawyer

My name is David Sawyer and I am running for a class of 2005 student assembly representative. Having been a representative for the past semester I have had experience with this position, and also see where improvements can be made. One of my major concerns is the fact that many students do not share their options about the Hamilton Campus with the representatives of Student Assembly. I strive to be completely open to your options and will respect your opinions about the school to the best of my ability.

The relationship between the student body and student assembly members needs to improve. Upon improvement the issues that are of most concern will be easily identified and the student body will see results for a better Hamilton. On April 23rd vote for David Sawyer as class of 2005 representative.

Class of 2005
Honor Court Representative

Hansraj Bhukhmohan

The choice is simple; you elected me once before so just do it again. "San Dimas High School Football RULES!"

Class of 2005
Judicial Board Representative

Saurabh Dang

As of now, there is a lack of communication between students and administration. I would like to represent my class on the Judicial Board for the primary reason to increase the awareness of all actions taken by students, as well as making sure the right actions are taken. I have noticed many instances where actions on campus should have been avoided. We must do as much as we can to stop unnecessary violations from reoccurring.

My decisions on the Judicial board, if elected, would be impartial and fair. I feel that everyone should get a fair chance, since Judicial Board decisions may very well affect many students' lives. I'd do my very best in judging situations appropriately. I am honest, understanding and objective. I would be a diligent J-Board representative for the class of 2005.

Orges Llupa

There is not enough room here to explain why I'm running. Instead read the Open Letter which you can find on the tables in Commons, McEwen, and plastered around campus. Choose wisely.

Sean P. O'Connell

Last Spring, I was elected by my fellow members of the Class of 2005 to represent you on the Judicial Board. At the time, I promised to bring a levelheaded and fair mind to the Board, as well as to open the lines of communication

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The Spectator

What's Your Number?

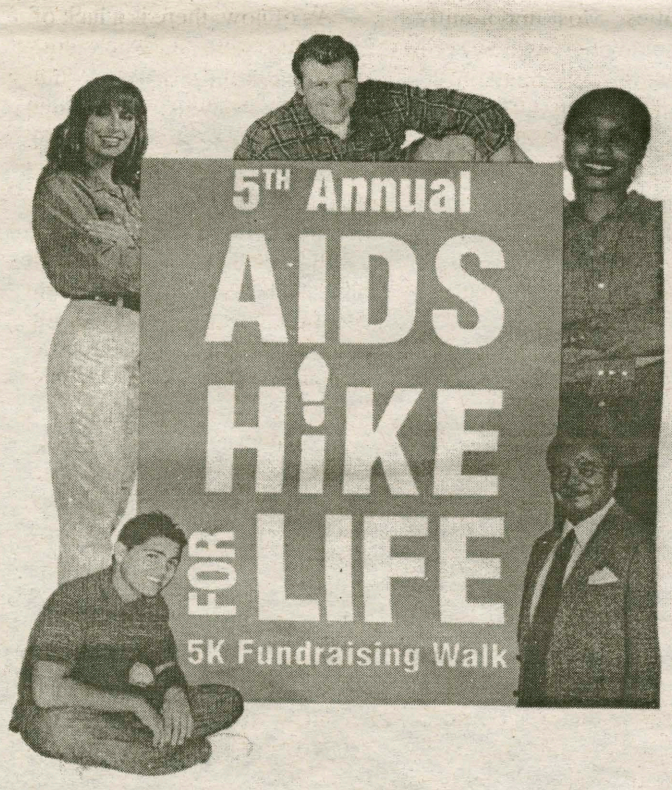
Well it's housing lottery time. The time of year when you learn who your true friends are. Who's pulling who where seems to be the talk all over campus. Rumors spread faster than anyone can keep track of- juniors can or can't pull Babbitt, freshmen should work to get Bundy or should avoid it like the plague, and the list continues. The only ones who seem to be spared from this melodrama are the RA's and those whom have committed themselves to a year in either Keehn or substance free housing.

Although the current system inevitably leaves some unhappy every year, as a whole, it does a proficient job. However, there could be some new innovations. Many colleges have adopted the practice of creating themed housing. For example, students could elect to live in either a suite or house set up by the college with only students from their major. The possibilities are truly endless; anything from a community service group of Griffen road apartments to an international relations suite in Milbank.

The creation of such themed housing would allow for some true bonding experiences. Students with shared interests, would get the chance to meet others with whom they have something in common with, but people they haven't necessarily met yet. Such living arrangements would also create more cohesion within academic departments, as students would get to know those within their major.

Along with the benefits already mentioned, students would be spared some of the angst involved in the uncertainty of the current housing lottery system, as they would decide in advance where they would live. Of course this would have to be done in conjunction with the current system, which would still leave some less than satisfied, but hey, that's life.

Why Will YOU Walk...?



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Student Assembly Election Results
Congratulations to the winners listed below!

Class of 2004
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President: Elizabeth Dolan
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Class of 2006
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Student Assembly Platforms

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between students and the Board. I believe that I have, to the best of my ability, kept these promises to you.

This year the Board fervently recommended to the Committee on Student Life that Hamilton remove its archaic system of noting suspension for disciplinary reasons on our academic transcripts. Let us all hope that this recommendation comes to fruition.

Should I be given the opportunity to serve my class again, I will continue to be a passionate defender of striking a careful balance between respecting precedent and truly taking into account mitigating and/or extenuating circumstances when deciding one's sanction (if, of course, a sanction is warranted).

Class of 2006
Class Representative

Allison Davis

In running for Representative of the Class of 2006, I hope to forge better connections between our class, the central council and the administration at large.

As rising sophomores, the class of 2006 has increased responsibility, and a better sense of what issues should be prioritized: namely, expanded hours for dining, athletic and study facilities and the improved distribution of funds towards student organizations. My door will always be open to students that have any concerns regarding these or any other matters.

If elected Representative, I will take initiative, make students' voices heard, and help to achieve significant results. I am experienced in both accepting and delegating responsibility, and I will represent our class honestly, with dedication, and with open ears and mind. Thank you.

Ashley Deline

Coming from a small island near Seattle where entertainment is sparse, I have developed a certain expertise regarding how to have fun in an isolated community. I would like to bring that expertise to Hamilton as representative to the Student Assembly. We unarguably have a fine education at Hamilton but I believe that the health and happiness of students is directly related to the availability of extracurricular activities.

I would like to work with the Student Assembly to explore greater activity options. Perhaps more trips to New York City or maybe Boston? A gambling night might be fun with raffle tickets used for money. There are so many possibilities!

Jonathan Fromowitz

If elected, I will support initiatives to create an official student constitution; a measure that I feel would make life easier for everyone in the Hamilton community.

I believe the Student Assembly could do more to learn and understand the views of the Hamilton student body concerning allocation of funds, planning of activities or anything else on their minds. If elected, I'll do my best to listen to the concerns of my classmates, and encourage fellow representatives to do the same. The Student Assembly has a responsibility to represent the student body and, if elected, I will do just that.

Cameron Hanft

I have experience in student government from all four years of high school and have had the opportunity to serve as a replacement representative to the Hamilton student assembly for the latter part of this semester. In the past few months I have been able to get my feet wet and become familiar with the functions and operation of student assembly. I am a responsible and motivated person and I take my commitments seriously. I would be an enthusiastic participant in student assembly and would actively voice the needs and ideas of the class of 2006.

Daniel Horowitz

This past year, as class representative, I have worked hard to get the class of '06 heard. I have tried my hardest to get both sides of every issue noticed, so minority views are not disregarded. Along with other freshman student assembly members, I have tried to give the freshman class a voice in the Hamilton community.

Next year, I plan to continue to make strides for our class and want to organize new class events and programs. On top of bringing greater power to our class, I have many other goals in mind. I will strive to improve the library and dining hall hours, create better facilities for athletes, reform the bonus meal/all-campus dollar situation, and continue to voice opinions regarding new issues. I feel that as a representative, I can help our class become a stronger force at Hamilton.

Marian Lyman

Goals for 2003:

1) To work with the Student Interest Committee to improve Athletic and exercise facilities on campus. 2) I will work hard with my fellow representatives to put on more exciting events (parties, speakers, bands) and activities for and sponsored by the class of 2006. 3) I will do everything I can to get the voice of 2006 heard in Assembly and the issues that matter to you brought to the table.

Tim Moyer

My name is Tim Moyer and I am running for class representative. I have the ability and knowledge to be a successful representative through my personable nature and motivation to bring your complaints and feelings to the student government. I think that co-ordination of school activities is one of the most important responsibilities of a class representative. One of my ideas is to re-organize the student activities budget to focus on one big event rather than many small ones.

If you are looking for a candidate who is focused on change, I am the person for the job.

David Turchin

Student assembly is a sham. The positions held and opinions expressed by our student representatives have little to no bearing on the decisions made and actions taken by the administrators of this institution. Too many students on our campus have expressed this sentiment, and the much-discussed smoking ban has brought this issue to light in recent months. This must not be the persistent reality at Hamilton. Dangerous precedents are being set. Increasingly stringent social regulations threaten the livelihood of our campus and our freedom as students. Help save Hamilton. Vote David Turchin.

Class of 2006
Honor Court Representative

Michael D'Ecclesiis

I'm a perfect candidate for Honor Court because I will uphold Hamilton's venerated Honor Code. I also am prefect for the Honor Court because of my honesty, judiciousness, and sensibility of the rules that give Hamilton its creditability as one of the finest colleges in the world.

Additionally, I feel I am a good candidate because of my prior experience with honor codes. In high school I sat in on hearings regarding the upholding of the school's honor code as well as representing the views of those who were wrongfully accused.

I am confident I will serve the student body well if given the privilege of Honor Court representative. Thank you.

Peter Mucha

The Honor Code has been a valued tradition at Hamilton. Hamilton is recognized as an institution that expects only the highest levels of academic integrity by its students. As an Honor Court Representative I will do my best to help sustain the values set forth by the Honor Code. Thanks for your vote.

Alexandra Simons

Growing up, I have always held values such as honesty, justice and compassion closely. As a freshman, I have learned that these values are what uphold Hamilton's reputation as being a community built on trust. It is well known that the honor code here at Hamilton is taken very seriously.

If elected as sophomore class honor court representative, I can assure that I will help strengthen Hamilton's honor court because I am a fair, open minded and compassionate individual who wants nothing more than to help make critical decisions concerning not only Hamilton's honorable reputation but my fellow students as well.

Class of 2006 Judicial Board Representative

Mike Fung

I am running for the position of Judicial Board Representative. Some of you are probably thinking: "Who is Mike Fung and why does he want to be on the J-Board?" Well, I'm from the mean streets of NYC and I've seen it all. However, as your J-Board Rep, I will do everything in my ability to make sure that your rights are protected. I am confident that I can make next year great. VOTE FUNG!

Chris Gardner

For the past two semesters, I have overheard complaints of the ambiguity of the Judicial Board and expressions voicing a misunderstanding of the role of the Board and its procedures. Having served as the '06 Representative for the past two semesters, I know what needs to change, both in terms of the campus's knowledge and perception of the Judicial Board, and with regards to processes and objectives. I have a grasp on what the board is, what it should be, and what the student body perceives it as and my goal is to bring all of these ideas together.

Brad H. Polan

I, Brad H. Polan, am running for the office of Judicial Board Representative. The "J Board" remains one of the most important and central offices on this campus by allowing fellow students and faculty to foresee the consequences of social infractions. As the sophomore representative, I will trust and honor my beliefs and do anything necessary to bring justice to and for anyone. I understand that college students are human beings and sometimes make mistakes, but I promise to closely examine every case and always seek out the truth in order to provide a fair trial.

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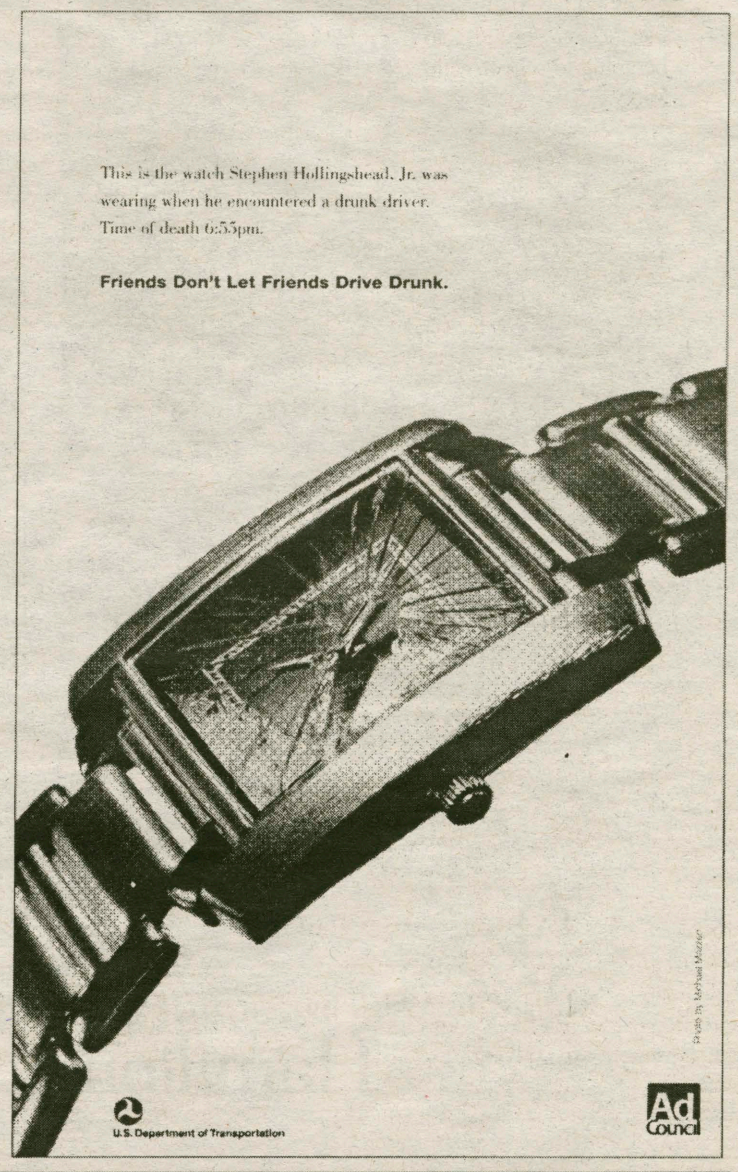
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Insights & Ideas

Diagnosis: bitter senior syndrome

TOM KEANE '03
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

I'm usually a person of sound mind, but I've been in quite the funk lately. Nothing seems to matter; nothing puts the fire in my belly. I didn't even care that there wasn't an official ATX pledge class this year. As severe as that sounds, it wasn't until I found myself in KJ staring at my reflection in the side of my stainless steel flask between my nine o'clock and ten-thirty classes that I realized something was getting to me. Even the flask itself presented a problem: I wasn't drinking whiskey just to help myself concentrate as I usually do; I was drinking to get the smell of the gin from breakfast off my breath. It was time for a visit to the Health Center.

The staff there was more than accommodating. Instead of receiving the typical ice pack or instructions to gargle with saltwater, I was given a lecture for which I was unprepared. After countless tests, the diagnosis was Bitter Senior Syndrome (BSS.) Having never heard of this illness, I demanded answers.

The Health Center gave me a pamphlet, which I've summarized below. It should be noted that left untreated, BSS can lead to a full-blown case of cynicism. People have been afraid to speak-out about Bitter Senior Syndrome because of the social stigma that accompanies it. It is time we broke down that wall.

The first symptom is an unwillingness to meet new people. What's the point? You're just going to graduate and forget about everyone anyway. Victims will find this symptom becomes more severe when talking to underclassmen.

Most patients notice by senior year that The Buffers are no longer as entertaining as they were during Family Weekend of the patient's freshman year. Female patients will fail to find The Buffers attractive. This is indicative of a larger trend to snub anything officially "Hamilton." Examples include, but are not limited to: sporting events, FebFest, and anything in Café Opus or The Sun Porch.

The next symptom can begin to occur as early as freshman year. This is a lack of concern over one's academics. Typical behavior includes typing papers in Courier New and failing to attend class more than once a week. Seniors with advanced cases of BSS have even been known not to purchase books in the beginning of the semester. It is, however, normal for a senior's weekend to last from Wednesday to Sunday.

Some seniors may remember the uneasy feeling they experienced during Alumni Weekend as they listened to their friends who have graduated talk about the real world. Many seniors with BSS realize the magnitude of their situation this weekend and promise themselves they will go to the Career Center.

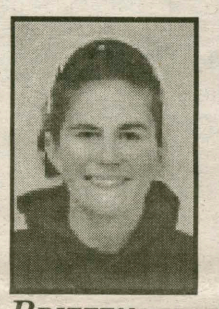
This brings us to another great point. A complete disillusionment with the Career Center has been seen in virtually all documented cases of BSS. Seniors who have done everything they were told to do and who have had friendly encounters with Career Center staff are often shocked and stunned at the prospect of another summer at home. Violent tendencies are not uncommon in males.

The Class of 2003 has been known to reminisce publicly about our beloved North Court. This is a classic example of another BSS symptom: telling underclassmen what it was like when you were a freshman. Other hot topics include the alcohol policy, the hours at the Howard Diner, and life before The Annex.

Most cases of BSS are almost untreatable by this point in the semester. In rare cases, symptoms may be aggravated by communiqué with The Office of the Registrar regarding athletic requirements or any number of forms required for graduation.

So, the lesson is: if you're a senior and you've been feeling downright melancholy, it's not your fault. You probably have BSS. You are the victim. Medical science has identified your ailment. Unfortunately, and according to the Health Center, the only cure is Senior Week.

Compared to the search, college is wonderful



BRITTEN CHASE '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

Gotta love accepted students day. It's the day or two on campus where you wake up, wander around (go to class), and at some point through out the day it hits you: Everyone seemed just a bit shorter and skinnier. And there are like a million people everywhere. And your quad suddenly becomes a seven-pull. Finally you figure out that these are the kids that you could be going to school with next year. Wow.

Accepted students day always makes me think back to my own college selection process. And by think back, I mean flashback to deeply surpressed memories.

Gotta have sympathy for those kids who came to campus on Tuesday. College selection is not fun.

I remember checking out colleges. It was one of those nine school, six day, shop-till-you-drop kind of experiences. I remember my dad and I flew into Boston and rented a car. At the time the rental place was low on cars, so we actually ended up with a huge black Cadillac. It was fun pulling up to schools. People would peer in the tinted windows expecting to see Don Corleone. And they would get us. So they were slightly disappointed.

Tours were fun. Every time you went to a school, you'd have to do a tour. You always have to do a tour. Why? Because the college tourguide makes or breaks the school for you. If you didn't like the tourguide, the school is off the list. In fact, if you didn't like the tourguide, you hoped that the tectonic plates would subduct and the entire school would slip slowly into boiling magma.

We all made our college decisions like this. Come on. How are you really supposed to figure out what school is best for you?

My favorite part of the tours was looking at the other parents. You know. The dad with the video camera, taping every moment, in case it came down to this school and another one, you could compare tours, see which one toured better. It was a tour-off, double overtime, see which college could score another student. Whichever school had the better tour, that was the school for you.

But my favorite type of parent on the tour was the mom taking notes. She probably set up a spreadsheet of all the colleges in order to be able to compare them when she got home. She always dressed very business-like and was writing down everything she could cram on her legal pad about the school; including how many books are in the library. Because how many books are in the library is a deal breaker.

I ran across a prospective or two this week. I asked their names, and where they were from. By then I had ran out of things to say and the conversation was really dying, so I'd turn to their college plans. "What schools have you narrowed down to?" "Well, Hamilton, Colgate, and Bowdoin. Help me out. What should I pick?"

Well, for starters, not Maine. Think it's cold here? Try Maine. I digress. Does all this sound familiar? The worry? The anxiety? The confusion? It happened to everyone. Your parents are trying to get you to pick your future based on how many books are in the library. It's scary. I remember going through this process my senior year of high school. I applied to 11 schools, all different sizes and different locations. I agonized over my decision. I couldn't pick. My future was on the line. Finally, I decided on Hamilton. I don't remember how.

But I learned a valuable lesson. When it comes to college selection, it really doesn't matter what you pick. Why? Because they are all the same. And wherever you go, you are going to end up ok. Take everyone here for example. We all went through the college process and we all ended up...well...here. And we're all ok.

So if there are any prospectives on campus who have just now found their way back to their host after a rough Tuesday night, congrats on getting into Hamilton, but more importantly, congrats on being done with the college selection process.

THUMBS UP

-The Madhatters--the best thing to come out of Canada since Labatt's

-Another fun-filled, party-saturated weekend..what is this, 1995?

-The Streaking Team: the one team we have that dominates the NESCAC

- Don't cut this out: Joey Gladstone's Annex appearance

- Men's Lax team--nasty

- Yay!! Senior Week back up to four days...thank you, Lisa Magnarelli

-Poop

THUMBS DOWN

-Senior Dinners at the HUB?? I mean come on, P. Tobin, we didn't spend 130K for nothin'

- No Gin and Juice this year...come on guys, standing in the rain for five hours and enduring mad dashes to the buses is the closest to Survivor we'll ever get

- The thieves on campus...we know who you are, and you better pray Campus Safety catches you in the act before we do

- This week's unexpected ATX de-pledge

Chris Preston '03, Paul P. Jones '03

WHO CARES?

- Christmas in April

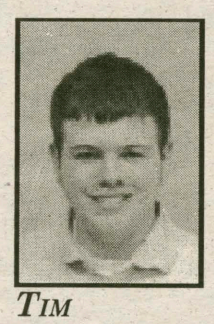
- The Feminist Coffee Hour...you'll need a lot more than caffeine to endure those sixty brutal minutes

- Chris Preston being officially off the market, girls--yes, we didn't think this campus could suck anymore (P. Jones)

- People who talk smack about us behind our backs...bring the noise, chochbags and ATXers

- Paul P. actually surviving the grueling Boston Marathon (C. Preston)

Bundy: Learn It, Live It, Love It



Tim Mudie '05
Insights & Ideas Writer

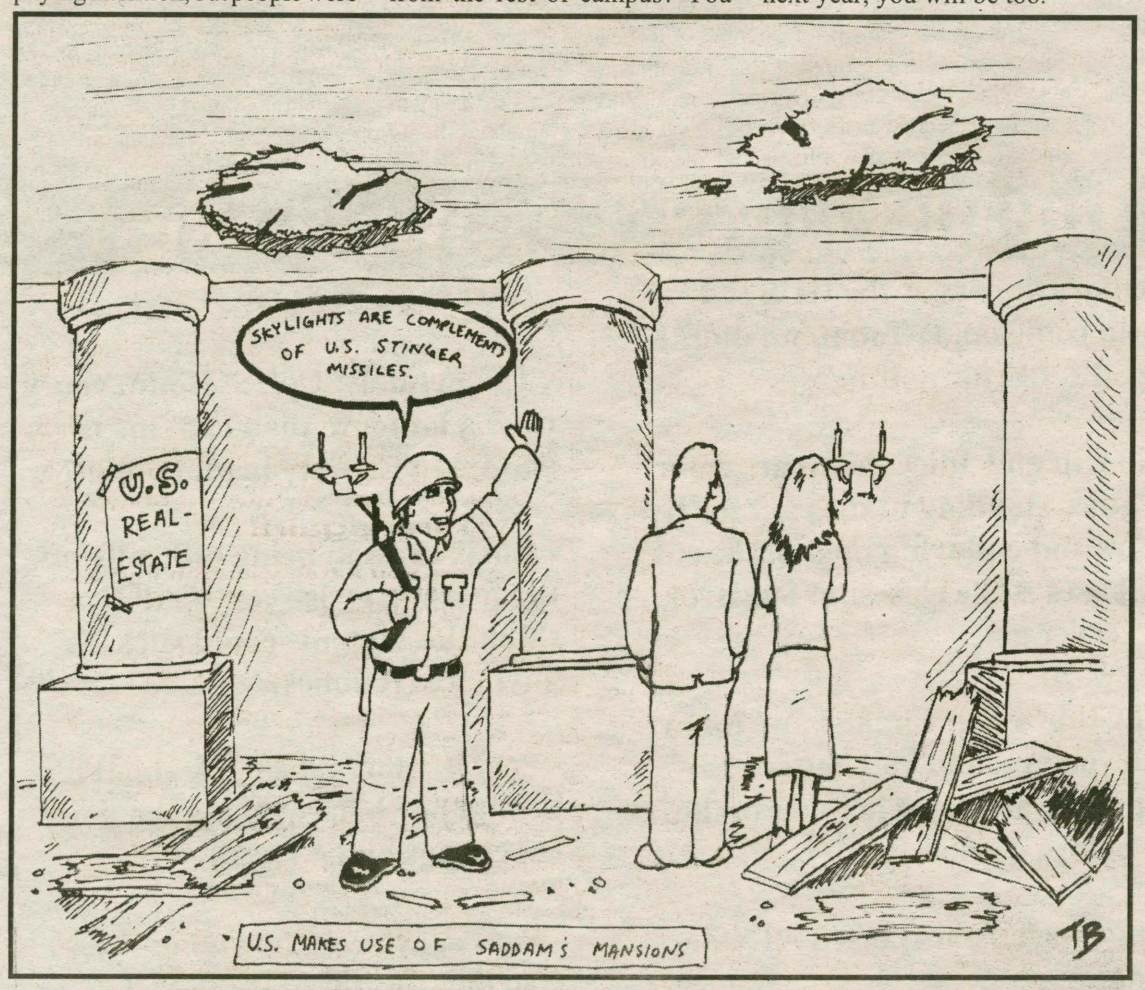
Yes, it's that time of the year again. You know what time I'm talking about. That's right. Housing lottery time. When freshmen everywhere scramble for rooms, when alliances and friendships are made and broken over something as trivial as whether one will be in a single or a double, when the only questions that matter around campus are "What number did you get?" and "Where are you going to live next year?" And do you know what? I don't have to deal with any of that crap. Hooray for going abroad!

Last year though... last year was pretty bad. In fact there is only one person this year who will get my sympathy. I don't know who that person is, but he or she is my equivalent. Why is this? Because last year I got the last number in the entire school. Yes, the last number in the entire school. Last year at this time there was not a single person with a worse number than me. But did I bitch and moan? Well, yeah, I kind of did. But did I take out an ad in the Daily Bull pleading for somewhere to live? No, that I did not do. In fact, I don't remember anyone at all doing that last year. Maybe I just wasn't paying attention, but people were calmer, despite the fact that hundreds of freshmen were left with nowhere to live at the end of the lottery. Luckily, I ended up getting pulled into Bundy, which was good because otherwise I would have probably been living in a lean-to on Minor Field. But instead I'm in Bundy West, which is nice. Which brings me to my next question: why are freshmen so afraid of living in Bundy?

All around the school I hear freshmen talking about Bundy with fear and disgust. To these freshmen I say: what the hell, man? Bundy is not a bad place and you may as well get used to it. You're going to be a sophomore. You are going to live it Bundy. That's life. Deal with it. What's so bad about Bundy after all? It's a walk. Oh, poor, poor souls. Sure, the walk isn't fun, but that's life. The rooms are a good size. If you're like me and you lived in a North quad as a freshman, a Bundy single will seem like a palace. And guys, think about all the freedom for... um, studying. Ahem, anyway, since you're going to live in Bundy let me tell you some more great things about it. You've already got the big room, so what else is good? Well, a lot of your friends are going to be down here. Hell, a lot of your class is going to be down here. And what's wilder than a bunch of sophomores living together? How about a bunch of sophomores living together separated from the rest of campus? You know what that means? To demonstrate I'd like to tell a little story. In my building there's one of those posters up that says "Most Hamilton students drink once a week, less frequently or not at all." Underneath it, someone has written: "The rest of us live in Bundy." Yes, Bundy is a special, magical place where the mere fact that it's Wednesday is reason enough to hose brews. And when there's a big game on? Oh man, don't get me started.

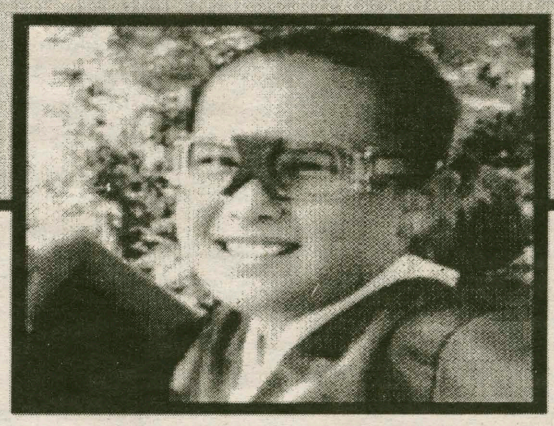
Yes, the boozing is another pro to living in Bundy, but it's definitely not the last. No, we can't forget about the vandalism. Oh, the sweet, sweet vandalism! If you ever have destructive tendencies Bundy is the place to live. After any given weekend there will be broken windows, beer cans everywhere and gigantic penises drawn on the walls. Nothing says fun like that. Now, East tends to be vandalized more for some reason (cough, cough, Psi U). But don't get me wrong, West has its fair share of vandalism, although we have somehow avoided the massive dongs. Then there's the no-man's land between the two buildings, which is a veritable obstacle course of broken bottles. Talk about fun and excitement!

So, freshmen, you're going to live in Bundy. You're going to have a great time. Just think of it this way: If you can't live in the place you love, then love the place you live. I'm from Bundy and I'm damn proud of it. And next year, you will be too.



Drawing Criticism: *By Tom Booth '06*

"It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye..."



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The *worst* is coming: Bush is turning his back on the states

Jonathan Kuhl '06
Insights & Ideas Editor

As the year winds down and we make our trips home for the summer, we may soon discover that things have really changed, or at least started to. With the vast majority of states facing enormous budget deficits, many of the state financed programs that we have grown up knowing will be cut or altogether shut down.

An estimate by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities estimates that the sum of all state budget deficits for the 2004 fiscal year will range anywhere from 71 billion dollars to just over 87 billion. In California, a state which is facing one of the largest deficits, will have as much as 33.8% of their budget lost. These numbers are staggering, and in some cases growing even larger.

Will this affect us? The answer, is unfortunately, that we will all be affected in some way or another. On this campus alone, there will be changes. In an email from President Tobin, it was explained to our college community that "As you may know, [Republican] Governor George E. Pataki's budget proposal cuts the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) grants by a third, halves funding for the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), and eliminates the Science and Technology Entry programs (STEP/C-STEP). These devastating cuts mean students at Hamilton College will lose $365,205 in assistance for meeting college expenses. Overall, education sustains the deepest cuts; no other area in the proposed state budget takes a greater hit."

The decision to cut education is a trend that seems to be carried throughout most states. According to The New York Times, in Oklahoma, "teachers have driven buses, mopped the floors and even cooked cafeteria food, as support staffs for major school districts have been sharply reduced or eliminated." As teachers, whom are among the lowest paid professionals, are being forced to take pay cuts, perform extra duties, or are being laid off, states don't seem to know where else to turn.

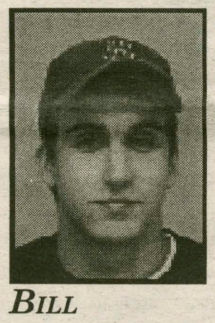
Luckily, Hamilton, a private institution, isn't significantly dependant on a state legislature or budget as many colleges and universities are. In states like Nebraska and Iowa, tuition has been raised as high as 20%. Along with the higher costs to students, professors and other staff members are being told that their positions can no longer be afforded.

While education seems to be suffering to the greatest extent, healthcare is also getting the short end of the stick. According to the Associated Press of Houston, "Some of the most severe cuts in [Texas] state services include more than 275,000 children from the Children's Health Insurance Program, 17,000 low-income pregnant women from Medicaid and 56,000 frail, elderly and disabled people who will be left without home care." These children, impoverished women, and senior citizens are among the weakest in our society; their needs should not be ignored because of a bump in the economy.

Dealing with the crisis before them, Governors have turned to the federal government for financial help. According to The New York Times, President George W. Bush, "made clear when addressing governors in February that no significant help was on the way from the federal government. 'It's because we went through a recession and we're at war,' he told the National Governors Association." I suppose tax cuts upwards of 500 billion dollars are the answer to the extreme lack of funds that states are facing.

President Bush is failing this country. He is turning his back to the states and local governments in their time of need. It's easy to talk about being a compassionate conservative, but now that it's time to lay his cards down, President Bush doesn't seem to have anything to show. Perhaps growing up in a family of power and wealth didn't allow him to see that the social programs that the government provides is essential to millions of other Americans. While he touts the success of the war in Iraq and travels around the country advocating his astronomical series of tax cuts for the wealthiest class of Americans, I only ask that we don't forget those being left behind. Elections are only a little more than a year away, remember then whose interests he really serves.

Did you have a PCU-esque host experience?



Bill Chenevert '05
News Editor

Ahh, Perspective Students day. At least this year the young prefrosh didn't get the completely inaccurate portrayal of the student body that they got last year. Remember? It was one of those first gorgeous days of spring, bright sun, true warmth, and scantily clad students playing and lying on the quad. This year they saw what we see for almost the entire year: cold, wet, snow, rain, and nastiness.

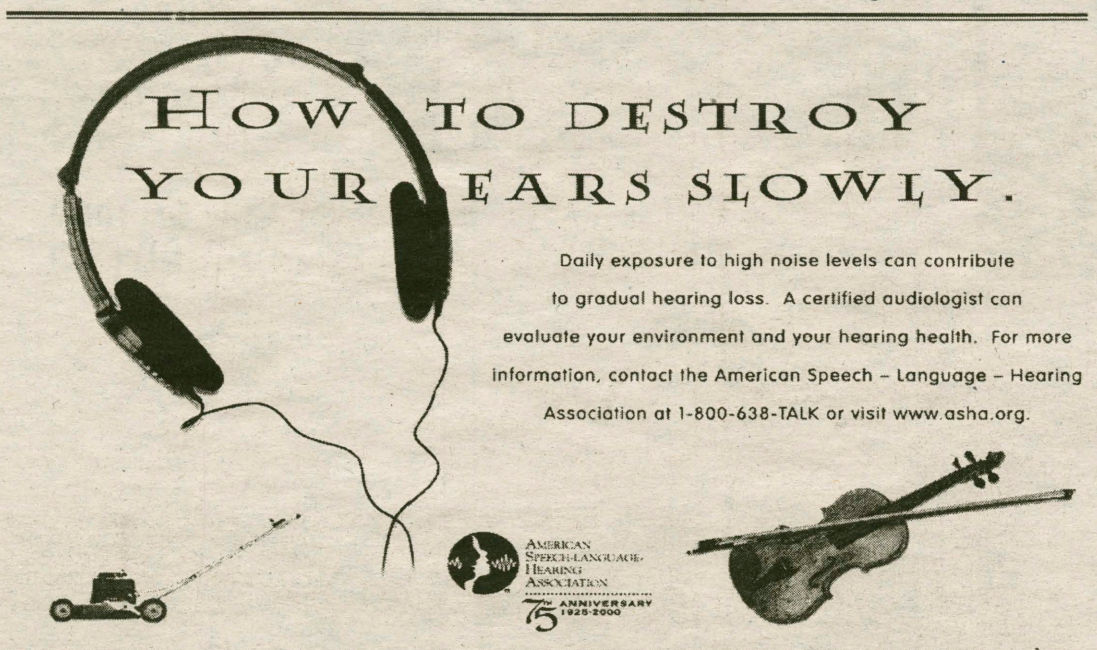
Nevertheless, I got the sense that the day went quite well, thanks in large part to the dynamic duo of Alex Sear '05 and Dave Reiner '05, as well as the admissions dynamo that is Andrea Thomas. The large number of students who wanted to experience a Hamilton overnight got to stay with a current student. This phenomenon I find highly impressive. Last year I signed up for a student to host and didn't get to have the pleasure of taking a perspective student out, only the much less exciting task of 'Dinner Hosting' someone. At last, I got to show the Hamilton ropes to a naïve high school senior.

I had heard horror stories about how badly a host experience could go. I believe Tim Mudie '05, had a student who refused to touch any kind of illegal substances, as well as felt uncomfortable around them, and decided to head to the library for the entire evening. Likewise, oppositely, I heard about a perspective that brought a massive bag of pot and other various substances to keep himself and his host occupied for the evening. Either way, the host experience is a curious one that I'm always surprised how often perspective students, and current students, are willing to take part in a potentially awkward first experience at Hamilton on their own, without a tour guide, admissions officer, or mommy and daddy.

All day, I had an image in my head from a movie called PCU. I'll bet without going any further that you know what I'm talking about. In fact, upon looking up the names of the actors in the situation I had in my head, they're Jeremy Piven as the crazed drunk and David Spade as the headgear wearing straight-laced wimp. The synopsis on IMDB.com reads: "A high school senior visits college for the weekend, and stays at the wildest house on campus in this classic tale of anti-political-correctness." I imagined myself as the one who was the crazed drunk, who, although not an alcoholic or by any means someone who pressures others to partake in social drinking, would appear to my perspective as a monster of a person for taking them out and about.

However, Jeff, my student from Rochester, NY, was a fine young man. Not too shy and not too outgoing, not a big talker but not a mute, and in general, a smart young guy who was pretty sure that Hamilton was the place for him. Even though he'd gotten into B.C., Colgate, and Union, he was unimpressed with their campus climates. He wants to study Geology so, as an English and American Studies major, I may not have been the best student for him to consult on the academic situation. However, I feel like I gave him an appropriate picture of what I think of Hamilton and what other people think of Hamilton.

Friends and I ended up putting something together for our hosts and perspectives- a social gathering on a Tuesday night. It couldn't have gone any better. We had about thirty people in the room, about ten of whom were perspective students. They got to meet who their potential classmates would be and meet a bunch more current students. Afterwards, we made the trek back to Kirkland and I found myself somewhere to sleep, so that I could kindly offer my perspective my bed. We checked out a class, my Adirondacks seminar, where he sat through some student presentations. Then we hit up Commons, got his stuff and I took him to his noon commitment. We had our goodbyes and I wished him luck in the college process. Overall, it was a wholly rewarding experience and I think that the process of staying overnight is a brilliant introduction to the social aspect of a Hamilton education.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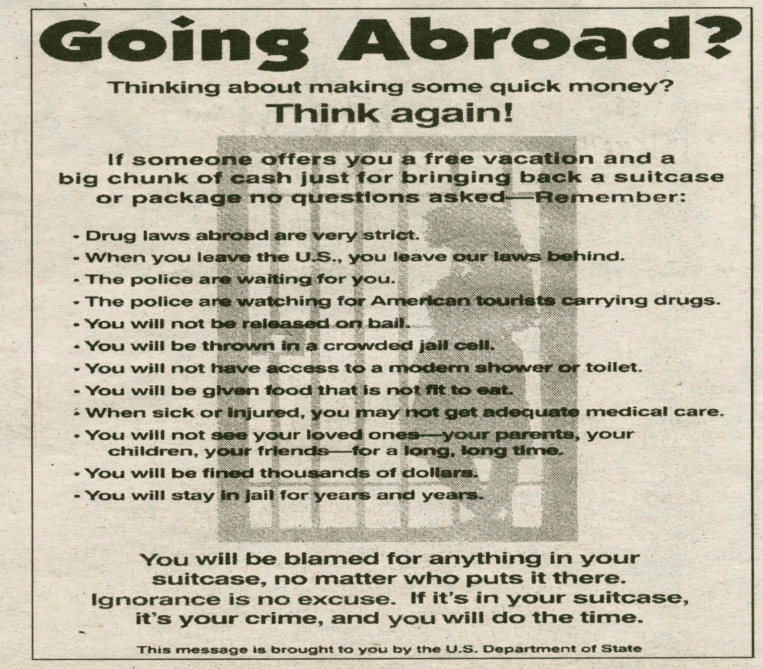
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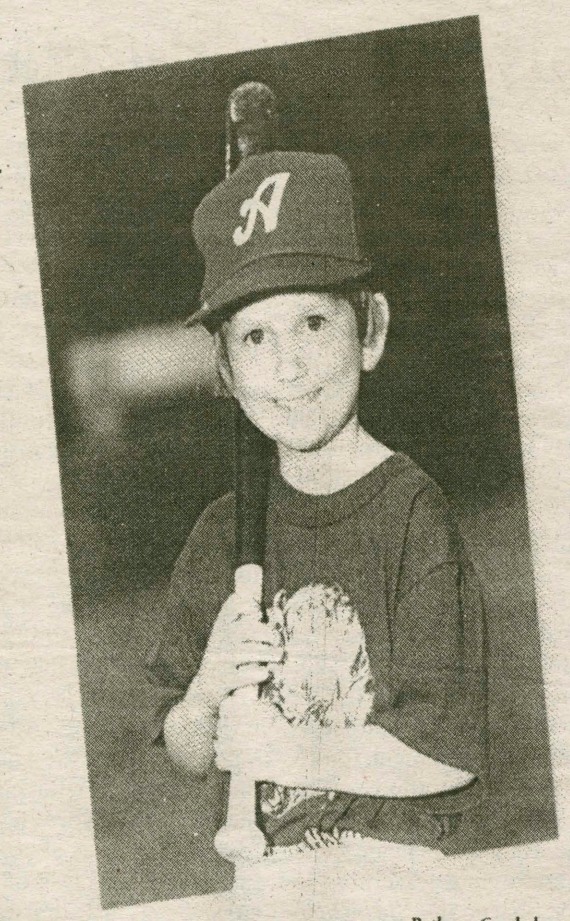

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Letters to the Editor:

Greetings & salutations-
Like many recent Hamilton alum with whom I keep in touch, I am greatlydisturbed at the decision by Hamilton College to create a "Distinguished Professorship" in honor of a self-proclaimed plagiarist, Eugene M. Tobin. If this man was a student, he'd be brought before the Honor Court, would have been given an automatic failure on his permanent transcript, and quite possibly have been expelled from the Hill. I have seen it happen to many young men & women at Hamilton, including my own personal experience.

Therefore, I suggest that you name a dorm room, a seat in the hockey rink, football stadium, or green on the 9-hole golf course in honor of every student at Hamilton found guilty of plagiarism.

I also have some further suggestions for Hamilton. How about the Enron School of Business Ethics? Or the Howard Stern Room in WHCL? Perhaps we can rename the Little Pub. How about the Billy Martin Pub? Or the Ted Kennedy Pub? What is the message that Hamilton is sending its students and alumni? "Reward cheaters! Celebrate fraud!" It is not as if the man was accused of plagiarism and then was found innocent. The man admitted to plagiarism and is now being rewarded with a "Distinguished Professorship." The term "Distinguished" and "Eugene M. Tobin" do not belong in the same sentence. As a fellow alum pointed out, if he is in fact so distinguished, isn't it rather odd that the gentleman was asked to step down?

This is disgraceful. While President of Hamilton College, the man known as Eugene Tobin enforced a leftist residential life decision, ended over a century of tradition on the Hamilton campus, belittled the student body, divided the campus sharply, ended the "Common Meal" from said Residential Life decision, and finally, topped off his brilliant career by plagiarizing the words of an academic colleague. Certainly, there are better men or women to name a distinguished professorship after.

I encourage the current students of Hamilton College to examine this situation. If a student were found guilty of the same charge, what would they be doing to you and your academic legacy? Would you have a dorm room named in your honor? I think not. This is academic hypocrisy of the highest level.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey N. Michael '98

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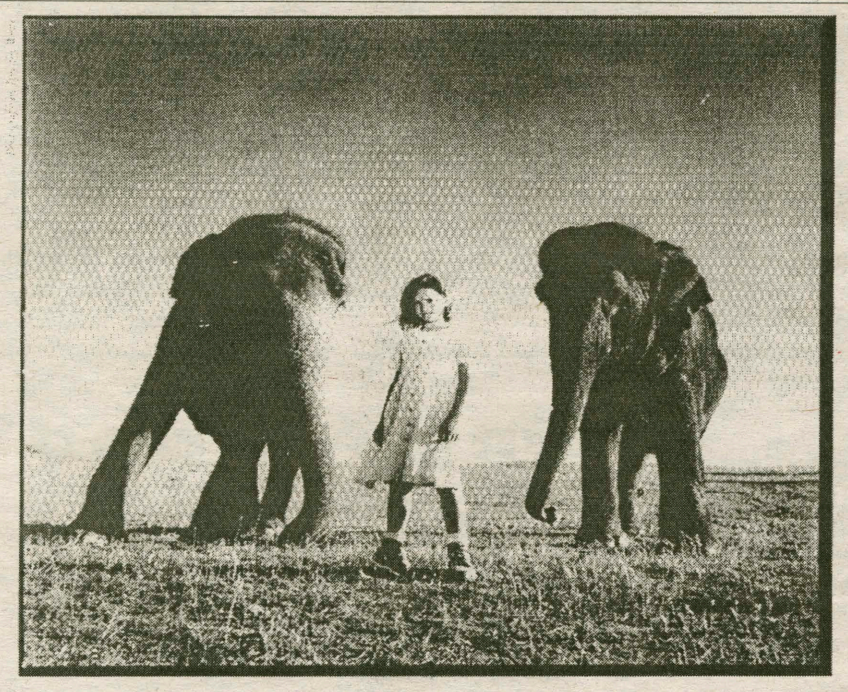

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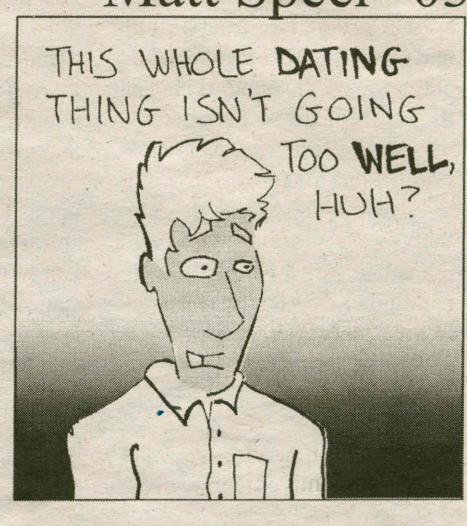

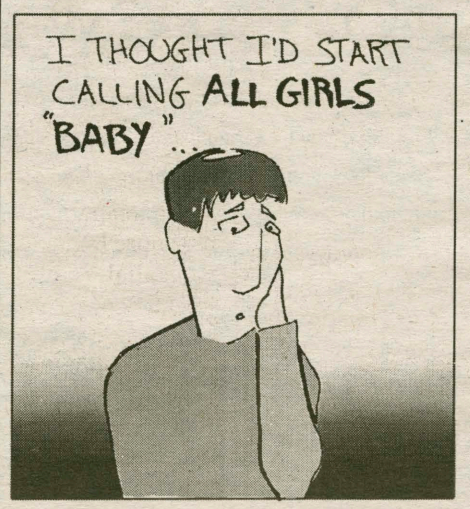

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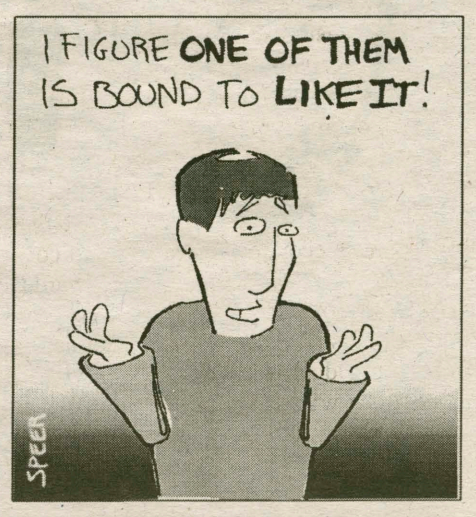

Science

Do you blackout when you drink?

Scientists show memory loss may lead to alcoholism

by Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

Do you remember what you did last weekend? If you don't, but you're sure alcohol played a part in your apparent memory loss, pay attention. Scientists have now proven that memory loss due to excessive consumption of alcohol can actually lead to alcoholism and increased alcohol intake.

Most people who intend to have an enjoyable weekend, or perhaps simply one fraught with debauchery, consider alcohol, in any form, to be an essential part of the festivities. While a few drinks will make you more comfortable and can aide in increasing the potential for fun each weekend, drinking to excess has unfortunate consequences.

Passing out, puking, feeling generally horrible, all accompanied by a hangover the next morning, are just some of the negative aspects of excessive drinking; however, a new study done at the University of Texas in Austin shows that those who drink to excess often have a positive and pleasant image of alcohol intake.

How could it be possible that one could find puking and passing out a formidable pastime? Scientists have shown that those who drink moderately, or to excess, often experience periods of memory loss or complete blackouts, depending on how much alcohol has been consumed.

Upon regaining clarity, or consciousness, these periods of memory loss are actually filled in by pleasant feelings towards alcohol.

Because many people, college students in particular, associate alcohol intake with fun and entertainment, most have a pleasant perception of alcohol before consuming it.

Despite drinking to the point where memory or consciousness is lost, the negative effects of alcohol appear to go unnoticed, and one simply remembers only the enjoyment of the anticipation of good times that is associated with alcohol.

Scientists say that this correlation is particularly disturbing, as these good thoughts surrounding the not-so-good experiences with alcohol can actually lead many to engage in repeated excessive consumption of alcohol and eventually to alcoholism.

Psychologist William Corbin of the University of Texas in Austin states that slight memory loss due to moderate drinking may be more dangerous in leading to alcoholism than the complete blackouts due to heavy drinking. After reviewing questionnaires from students on campus, Corbin noticed a trend for moderate drinkers to fill in instances of slight memory loss with "unrealistically positive" feelings. Despite the fact that they could not remember several portions of their Saturday night, these students felt positive about alcohol and its effects upon them. Most felt that alcohol made them more "sociable, sexually attractive, or assertive."

Kim Fromme, another psychologist at the University of Texas in Austin states, "if you already believe alcohol has primarily positive effects, and you cannot recall what happened after a drinking episode, you are likely to assume that the outcome was positive."

Another study at the University of Texas examined a group of binge drinking students. Of this group of students, one half had frequently experienced slight memory loss due to drinking; the other half had not experienced this memory loss.

The entire group of students was given a series of alcoholic beverages to consume, and scientists found that those who had experienced frequent memory loss in the past had a much worse memory than the binge-drinking students who did not experience memory loss.

Whatever your drinking habits, this is simply just some food for thought; however, perhaps before preparing for this weekend's festivities, stop and consider how you view alcohol. Then, after an evening of fun, and maybe a little memory loss or regurgitation, consider again your views on alcohol...are they "unrealistically positive?"

Howard Dean for America's Environment

Editor's note: This article is an opinion piece and does not necessarily reflect the views of The Spectator or theScience Section.

by Alisha Fowler '06
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"I think it is fair to say that the record of the Bush Administration on environmental matters is fatally flawed."–Governor Howard Dean, M.D.

Governor of Vermont since 1991, Democrat Howard Dean is stepping up to run for the presidency in the 2004 elections. Dean describes himself as a moderate and holds the firm belief that strict fiscal discipline is necessary for the possibility of social justice.

Dean is strongly committed to better children's healthcare, education and he has a noticeably aggressive platform concerning the environment. Throughout his time in Vermont, as far as the economy is concerned, Dean has created 41,000 new jobs, implemented tax incentives to improve the economy and helped small towns attract businesses. Another remarkable accomplishment of Dean's was eliminating the $70 million dollar government deficit his team inherited when he became governor. He also created significant "rainy day" reserves for Vermont's economy to fall back on.

As Dean moves to "take back America," he strives to balance the federal budget, provide all Americans with adequate healthcare and cooperate with the international community to achieve better foreign policy. He is passionate about the need to preserve the environment for the posterity of our generations. "The United States must play a leading role in combating climate change and the ongoing loss of the world's diversity and natural heritage," claimed Dean on April 22, 2003, Earth Day.

Dean stresses the need for a better energy policy than the Bush administration has offered, intending to increase the use of renewable energy resources. In addition, he promises to better enforce and strengthen the existing clean air and water standards. He also intends to work hard to make the U.S. a "better global neighbor," since the pollution emitted by the U.S. and other countries pays no mind to political boundaries. He is angered that the Bush administration did not ratify the Kyoto Protocol. While Dean recognizes the legitimate concerns that the Bush administration was concerned with, he intends to reevaluate the concerns that were articulated and reach a better solution than simply refusing to join. "On Earth Day, we need a renewed commitment to our planet, to meet a new generation of global, national, and local environmental challenges."

It is hard to summarize or even cover all of the issues that Howard Dean is taking stand on, when it comes to America and our natural resources. However, he will make great strides in saving the environment from further and unnecessary degradation.
Source for statistics/info: www.deanforamerica.com

Human genome completed ...again

by Kristin Patrick '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

Last week, scientists from the International Human Genome Sequencing Consortium announced the completion of the human genome. Their announcement indicates that 99% of the human DNA sequence is now known and is as accurate as today's technology allows for.

Does this announcement sound familiar? Well, it should. In February 2001, a private biotech company, Celera Genomics, and the International Human Genome Sequencing Consortium simultaneously published drafts of the human genome. These drafts were approximately 90% complete at the time; the order of certain base streches needed to be confirmed, gaps needed to be filled in, and difficult stretches of repetitive DNA still needed to be fully sequenced when the original announcement was made.

Following the 2001 publications, only the Consortium continued on to complete the remaining 10% of the genome.

The idea for the Human Genome Project (HGP) was formulated in the 1980s with the mission of mapping and sequencing the entire human genome. Major initial contributors to the founding of the project were the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Institutes of Health.

Since the project's inception, more than 10 institutions have become members of the consortium, including Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, the Whitehead Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. Institutes in France, the United Kingdom, Germany, China and Japan also contributed greatly to this truly collaborative project.

The term "human genome" refers to the over 3 billion nucleotide bases that make up human DNA, which is commonly known as the "code of life." The term "genome" is generally taken to mean the sum of all genetic material in a cell or organism. Scientists in the consortium predict that a mere 30,000 genes are contained within the human DNA sequence. Genes are segments of DNA that serve as the basic unit of inheritance. That means that only 30,000 stretches of DNA dictate our body's structure and function–an extremely low number considering our complexity. Initial estimates of the number of human genes were much higher, in the vicinity of 100,000.

Why is sequencing the genome so important? Many researchers maintain that knowledge of the genome will be instrumental in learning about human disease. Once scientists know the sequence of genes, they can start investigating their function. Some genes, when mutated (when a nucleotide base is exchanged for an improper one), cause disease. Already, genome-sequencing data has identified many "disease genes," the study of which has provided insights into the genetic causes for diseases including diabetes, malignant melanoma, childhood eczema, muscular dystrophy, and leukemia.

Knowledge of disease genes also allows doctors to screen patients for mutations in genes that could predispose them to conditions like breast cancer or heart disease.

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Take a hike, for life

AIDS Hike for Life 2003 blazes a trail towards the cure

by Alexandra Sear '05
MANAGING EDITOR

This Sunday, Hamilton's campus will be host for the 5th Annual AIDS Hike for Life. Amid the bustle and confusion of the housing lottery and what will hopefully be a sunny, pleasant Spring day on the Hill, hundreds of people from the surrounding towns as well as members of Hamilton's faculty, staff, and student body will be donating their money, time, and enthusiasm to helping prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.

The Hike was started in 1998 in order to accommodate the growing number of participants in Syracuse's Hike from Utica, New Hartford, and other areas around Clinton.

Will Murtaugh, Director of Special Events and Development at AIDS Community Resources of Syracuse (which organizes the Hikes) and brother of Associate Director of the Career Center Jeannine Murtaugh, was looking for a place to hold a Hike in Oneida county when his sister suggested that Hamilton's campus would be a great place.

"There is no community park in Rome or Utica so we decided to do it here," said Jeannine Murtaugh. She said that since Hamilton has such a nice campus people like coming here every year to walk around it, and that holding the Hike here encourages the campus community to participate strongly. They have had great attendance in previous years, especially 2 years ago when 500 people walked.

Last year's "torrential downpour" dropped participation to 275, but "Sunday's forecast of sun and 60 degrees should bring about 400-500 people," Murtaugh said.

Gillian Alexander '05, chair of Hamilton's AIDS Community Resources, said the group has been focusing on off-campus publicity and hopes to attract even more support from surrounding towns.

Hamilton has been an enthusiastic and involved host site, and Murtaugh remembers many campus groups putting together teams, including President Tobin "who has walked all four years and has been tremendously supportive."

AIDS is a global epidemic, affecting 36 million people from every country of the world, but is a disease that many feel removed from in the bubble that is Hamilton's campus. We don't realize how close the disease is to us and how at risk we are of its spread.

"The 18-25 year old age group is the most affected by AIDS," said Murtaugh, and a main reason for events like the Hike is to raise awareness.

"We believe that this is a disease that affects everyone, everywhere in some way and that it needs to be brought out in the open and understood because of its previous stigmatism."

Alexander agreed, saying "As I've put more time into the event and become more involved, I'm realizing how many people the disease affects. It's so scary. People think it can't happen to them, especially at Hamilton. They think they're immune, but this will be a problem for a long time and we will keep fighting it."

According to statistics provided by Ms. Murtaugh and ACR, 900,000 people in the country have HIV/AIDS, and 142,000 of them are from New York State, which has the highest number of cases from any one state.

In upstate New York alone there are 21,900 people who are infected with HIV/AIDS. Emily Richardson '03, a member of the organizing committee for the Hike, realized the AIDS crisis first hand when she spent a semester in Uganda where the disease is prevalent.

"In Uganda, I saw first hand a lot of the problems that your hear about on the news, which really affected my life. This disease isn't confined to Africa and certainly didn't end in the 80s. It's still a huge crisis and we can't let this kind of disease take over," she said.

ACR's mission is primarily to educate the community about ways to prevent the disease, but they also provide treatment and support services to AIDS patients in the area. Hamilton's ACR committee comprises Kristen Merriman, Emily Barber, Shin-Jung Hong, Heather Shapiro, Lindsey Martin, Haley Reimbold, Rachel Sobelson, Jason Haas, Jessica Taylor, Katie Plumb, and Erin Skmurski.

The Hike is not their only activity on campus; they also sponsored AIDS week last Fall, which included Beinecke tables to distribute educational pamphlets, ribbons, and condoms, and a screening of the 1993 film Philadelphia starring Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington. The week culminated in a community discussion in Café Opus with a performance by Tumbling After.

One thing that makes this fundraising walk unique is that all the money raised stays in the Mohawk Valley and is not disbursed to a national organization. The funds go directly to the Teen AIDS Task Force, which, according to Murtaugh, "is based out of local schools, and is primarily dedicated to educating people about the disease and its prevention."

They also provide services for people affected both directly and indirectly by the disease. The Hike is their largest fundraiser in the entire Utica/Rome area, and thus it is important that the event continue to be well attended.

"There is always a big turnout from Utica and New Hartford in addition to Union College, and a lot of support also comes from corporate sponsors," Alexander says. The Hike raised $30,000 last year, and the committee is hoping to exceed that amount considerably with this year's event.

The Hike is organized by AIDS Community Resources (ACR) of Utica in collaboration with Hamilton's ACR and the Class of 2003. Former Senior Class President Andy Cooke was one of the organizers of the first Hike, and the tradition of sponsoring the event continues with the Class of 2003 president Maurice Michanne.

Murtaugh mentioned that "every senior class has been really behind this." She also acknowledged the support and effort of the members of the Alpha Theta Chi sorority: "ATX is very involved and we really couldn't pull this off without them." The committee in charge of the event comprises the Hamilton ACR, in addition to Murtaugh, Stephanie Dunn, Emily Richardson, and Professor Kirk Pillow.

*see **Hamilton**, page 13*

THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON HISTORY

26 YEARS AGO
April 15, 1977

Buttrick Break-In Nets Cash

Two cash boxes, one containing the funds of the college coffeehouse, were stolen from the safe in Buttrick Hall this past Thursday at 1 p.m.

The box belonging to the coffeehouse contained between $95-110. Both the amount of money in the other box and the box's owner remain unclear. Local police and campus authorities are currently investigating the incident.

Spectator reporter Joe Hutchinson, who was walking near Buttrick Hall when the incident occurred, reported seeing a man outside walking down the stairs in front of the President's entrance with two boxes in his hands.

Another witness was Joan Schnitzlen, a receptionist and switchboard operator at Buttrick Hall, who had seen the man inside the building a few minutes before. When Hutchinson and Schnitzlein checked the safe they found that the cash boxes were missing.

Hutchinson described the suspect as being in his early twenties, about 5'5", with a medium build and short hair. The man was wearing a checkered shirt, light pants and sunglasses, he said.

Hutchinson and Provost Sydney Wertimer reconstructed the theft as follows: with the building empty at lunchtime, the man entered through the front door and walked into the office of the President's and the Provost's secretaries. The safe is located in one wall of this office. The thief then removed the two boxes from the safe (how the man managed to open the safe is still a mystery) and then walked back towards the front door. Unable to open this door (it being locked from the outside), the man placed the cash boxes on the floor, walked back through the main office (passing Schnitzlen in the process) and walked out of the building via the side door.

Returning to the other side of the building (and passing Hutchinson), the man proceeded to rip a hole in the screen door on the side of the building, retrieve the boxes he had placed on the floor, and made his escape. He hasn't been seen since.

27 YEARS AGO
April 23, 1976

Slapshot Shot at Utica Auditorium

Portions of the new hockey comedy *Slapshot*, starring Paul Newman, are to be shot at the Utica Memorial Auditorium next month between May 27 and 29.

The Universal Studios film, which focuses its plot on the exploits of professional hockey players and drunken Canadians, also features Peter Strauss of "Rich Man, Poor Man" fame.

The Utica Mayor's office is currently taking names of anyone who would like to be hired as an extra for the three days of filming, at a salary of up to $2.30 an hour. All are welcome to apply, but must be available for all three consecutive days.

Edward Stanley, manager of the Clinton Arena, was also contacted by Universal representatives about the possible use of that facility in the film. Location scouts for the company visited the arena on April 14th, Stanley said, but no use of the arena for filming has been planned.

50 YEARS AGO
April 19, 1953

Hamilton Declared "Commie Free"

Following several months of secret investigation unknown to both the President and Trustees of the college, Senator Joseph McCarthy and his Committee on Un-American Activities has declared Hamilton College free of any overt communist ideologies. According to the report, "Some evidence of attempted subversion has been uncovered, however, that is to be expected after twenty years of Democratic treason and betrayal."

One wonders what McCarthy would have thought about Keehn.

Compiled by Dan Bleeker '06

Features

Hamilton community aids fight against AIDS

*from **Hike**, page 12*

Every year the Housing Lottery coincides with the Hike, but participating in the walk should not affect anyone's involvement in the lottery. Committee member Emily Richardson '03 wanted to emphasize this. "The event is on-campus and all morning. People can come and go to either event as they please, so please come out!," she said.

Alexander echoed this: "The walk will not interfere with the Housing Lottery. The route goes by Beinecke if people want to stop by and check in, and if people need to leave for a few minutes that's perfectly fine. The biggest thing is getting out there and participating."

The Hike is 5 kilometers in length and the path runs from Minor Field through the glen, by the Science Building, North Lot, Martin's Way, and ends back on Minor Field.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. and the walk starts at 11 a.m. Every person registering must bring at least $20, but Murtaugh says she hopes people will set a goal to bring $100. After the Hike is completed there is always an awards ceremony, and prizes are given for the most creatively costumed or themed team, as well as to the team who raises the most money.

"I love seeing all the different teams come out," Murtaugh said, "The Camden Teen AIDS group is always great, and Hamilton has a good showing every year, especially from Jeff McArn and the Chaplaincy team."

Richardson also stressed the importance of putting a team together: "The great thing about this Hike is the solidarity of the teams. HAVOC puts together one and I know a lot of Greek societies do too. It's a great service project."

The event promises to be an emotional one as well as a profitable one. "It is always a great display of solidarity. There are people there who have had family members and friends die from AIDS, as well as people currently living with the disease-showing them this kind of support is so vital," said Richardson.

Murtaugh and Alexander agreed, and all three are looking forward to a very successful Hike this year. Alexander said, "This is for a good cause and it's fun. If you can't walk, sponsor someone who can or make a donation. Be involved any way you can."

Student Assembly Platforms

*from **Student Assembly**, page 6*

Josh Wasserman

I believe the purpose of the Hamilton College J-Board is to ensure that high morals and standards are advocated for the College. While morals and ethics differ between individuals, there are certain values that must be followed in order to promote a community of respect.

The J-Board is a representative body that protects the rights of the individual and makes sure that justice is served. I see the importance of effective due process. J-Board representatives should be open-minded, fair and be able to weigh information and insights.

I was motivated to apply for a J-Board position because I feel that I embody all of these important qualities. My name is Josh Wasserman and I am running for J-Board Representative of the class of '06.

Amendments

These amendments were passed by the Student Assembly Central Council on Monday, April 14, 2003. These amendments will be voted on by the student body Wednesday, April 30, 2003. In order for these amendments to take effect, they must be passed by a majority of the student body.

If you would like to view the current Student Assembly Constitution, please refer to: http://www.hamilton.edu/campus/Constitution_of_the_Stude.html

If passed, these amendments will alter or add to the existing Constitution.

Each Amendment will be voted upon individually during the April 30,2003 election.

For each amendment passed, the passed amendment will take effect the first day of the Fall 2003 school year.

Proposed Amendment #1
Article VIII.

Section 1 Any member of the Central Council who has four total absences, a maximum of two of which may be unexcused during a semester of service in the assembly, may be dismissed from office by the President of the Student Assembly.

Proposed Amendment #2
Article VI. Section 2

A. 1. The Elections Committee must be composed of at least 6 members, excluding the elections chair from the Central Council. Each class year must have at least one representative on the committee.

Proposed Amendment #3
Article VI. Section 2

B 1. The Constitution Committee must be composed of at least 3 members, in addition to the parliamentarian, from the Central Council.

Proposed Amendment #4
Article VI. Section 2

D. A funding committee composed of, but not limited to, the Central Council Treasurer and the Secretary/Treasurer of each class year.
1. In the event that a Secretary/Treasurer from a class year is unable to attend a funding committee hearing, a designee from that class years' officers must attend in his/her place.

Proposed Amendment #5
Article VI. Section 5

In the event that the positions on the Funding, Elections, and Constitution Committee are unfulfilled, as proscribed in the aforementioned sections of Article VI Section 2, the creation or renewal of ad hoc committee charters is prohibited.

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Arts & Entertainment

CAB expects a full house tonight for Dave Coulier

Brett Greenspan '06 writes a perfunctory ad/article on the artist who breathed life into "Uncle Joey"

Tonight CAB Comedy will sponsor a performance by Dave Coulier, best known for his role as Uncle Joey on the popular sitcom "Full House." The Hamilton College Homepage promises " a delightful mix of classic cartoon voices and edgy new material". Coulier, who has done extensive voice-over work throughout his career and has provided voices for such memorable cartoons as "Scooby Doo" and "Muppet Babies," will certainly live up to the first half of this glowing praise. Personally, though, I'm curious to find out what exactly constitutes "edgy" in the world of family entertainment.

From "Full House" to Nickelodeon's "Out of Control," Coulier's entire career has been rooted in family entertainment. Of course everybody knows Coulier as "Uncle Joey" from the once loved, for unknown reasons, sitcom which aired for eight seasons from 1987-1995. The show is now in syndication and any one here who was a fan of the show in their pre-adolescent days can still watch it on the normal re-run channels to realize just how bad their taste in television used to be.

Unlike Bob Saget, former "Full House" co-star and surprisingly dirty stand-up comic (for a taste of this, look no further than his uncredited cameo in "Half Baked," or his SNL monologue in which he spent the majority of the time repeating "ass, nipples, penis" to disabuse fans of his squeaky-clean image), Coulier has managed to keep it clean, and continues to do so. The Bulletin Board of his website, www.cutitout.net, with gushing emails from mothers and aspiring Christian comics, is very telling of Coulier's distinct appeal. Recently, Coulier formed F3Entertainment, a children's entertainment company, which released the popular "Weaver Beaver and Friends" CD. At this point, I will forgo any strained pseudo-sexual innuendos.

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Dave Coulier will be performing in the Barn tonight, and the Olsen twins will be legal in 314 days, 3 hours, and 36 minutes. Yes.

I can't say I've ever seen Coulier's stand-up outside the confines of a "Full House" gimmick, but over the years his talent has earned him spots on "The Tonight Show" with Johhny Carson and Jay Leno, HBO's "Comic Relief", and "The Arsenio Hall Show" to name a few.

His stand-up has earned him critical praise throughout his career. Judy Brown of LA Weekly raves," Dave's complex, mulit-layered and character-driven storytelling is accomplished with an astonishing range of voices and sound effects, and a feel for actual humans." Well whatever, I'm sure he'll do his "cut it out" thing.

Aside from touring, Coulier's recent projects include working as a judge on "My Life as Sitcom", a reality show on ABC, and later this year Coulier will be heard as Felix the Cat, The Professor and Rock Bottom in a series of direct-to-video animated films.

Remember that "Full House" episode when Uncle Joey accidentally breaks Steph's nose right before class picture day and everyone learns a lesson about life? Or how about the one where DJ forgets Kimmy Gibbler's birthday and everyone learns a lesson about life? Yeah, me too. If only for the sake of nostalgia, be sure to catch Dave Coulier's performance tonight at 8 in the Annex.

Perhaps labeling Coulier's new act as "edgy" is nothing more than a publicity ploy, but what if it isn't? Do you really want to miss the opportunity to be able to tell your friends that you saw Uncle Joey telling dick jokes?

A&E Editor's Choose their favorite Full House Episodes:

Brett: Episode 2.17 - *El Problema Grande de D.J.* Air Date: 3/10/89
Brian: Episode 1.4 - *The Return of Grandma.* Air date: 10/9/87
Chris: Episode 5.18 *Too Much Monkey Business* Airdate: 2/11/92
Whit: Episode 8.3 *Making Out is Hard to Do.* Airdate 10/11/94

Music In Review: Longwave, Pete Yorn & The Flaming Lips

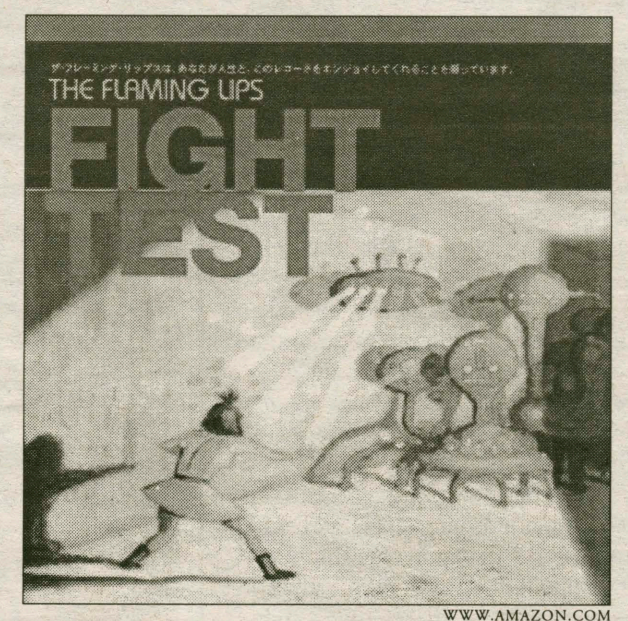
by Doug Lambert '06
A&E WRITER

Longwave - "Strangest Things"

Longwave sound like a band that's deciding if they're ready for greatness. On their debut entitled "Strangest Things," it is ironically the strangest moments that succeed the most. The title track progresses with little more than an echoing keyboard, simple guitar arpeggios, and some sparse drumbeats. But the melody carries the weight of this tune, as lead singer Steve Stiltz's vocals haunt like The Smiths' Morrissey circa "Meat is Murder." The song concludes just over three minutes, and it's not enough. "Can't Feel a Thing" is hands down the most beautiful song on the album, but concludes in a minute and twenty seconds.

Being from New York, the biggest question would be, Do Longwave sound like The Strokes? Not even close. Musically they echo early U2 and Radiohead, with some drumbeats that sound like they were stolen from the last Flaming Lips album (which makes sense considering Lips producer Dave Fridmann contributed to its production).

Strangest Things is incredibly accessible, and with a few listens, it becomes more so. Given this, the album still leaves a feeling of dissatisfaction. The best parts aren't long enough, and the moments of indulgence are just too many, like the computer noises of "Exit," and how "Meet Me at the Bottom" sounds like a million other Radiohead knockoffs. Bottom line, Longwave do a good impression of a great band.
Rating: B



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Bally's gym isn't the only place to hear Kylie Minogue. Yes.

Pete Yorn - "Day I Forgot"

If Pete Yorn showed one thing with his debut album, "Music for the morning after," it was potential. The lyrics were brutally heartbroken, and the melodies beautiful. He parked his caboose right next to Elliot Smith at the table of miserably talented singer-songwriters.

Where peers of his have gotten better, stranger, or even worse, Yorn has simply stayed in Limbo. "Day I Forgot" goes nowhere that his debut album didn't, and for that reason it's a step back. Even the experimentations sound like he was just bored in the studio. Track four sounds like Soundgarden, which is a bit of a departure from the tender acoustics of the debut album.

Yorn makes the mistake of turning up the distortion as well as the tempo on songs like "Burrito" and "Come Back Home," where the melodies alone would have been enough to carry the songs into successful territory. There are brief moments of artistic triumph, but none constitute an entire songs-worth of enjoyment. He teases nearly half the songs on the album with a strong beginning, and then a terribly bland chorus.

One of the weaknesses of his debut was the desire to go a million different places at once, and thus not really escaping his inhibitions as a one-man band. On "Day I Forgot," he exploits that tendency to the breaking point. He's playing rock star in the studio, and has found more neat buttons to push. Bottom line, he tries to rock but forgets how to be tender in the process.
Rating: C-

The Flaming Lips - The Fight Test EP

The Flaming Lips recently became reestablished as gods of the psychedelic pop genre. "Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots" excelled with sounds that no previous Lips album had, and they flew into new territories of sophisticated Beach Boys-melodies, without sacrificing the weirdness that was undeniably their style. "The Fight Test EP" would have been a delicious bonus disc to attach along with that masterpiece.

But this EP doesn't hold weight as a body of artistic music. There are some interesting covers, namely Kylie Minogue's "Can't Get You Out of My Head." The Lips lead singer Wayne Coyne loses the annoyance of Kylie's version with some eerie acoustics and keyboard effects, but also loses much of the pop appeal. Sadly, Kylie's version was a bit more interesting. Their cover of Radiohead's "Knives Out" suffers from a similar musical downgrade. The dark atmospheres of these songs aren't interesting enough to make them enjoyable.

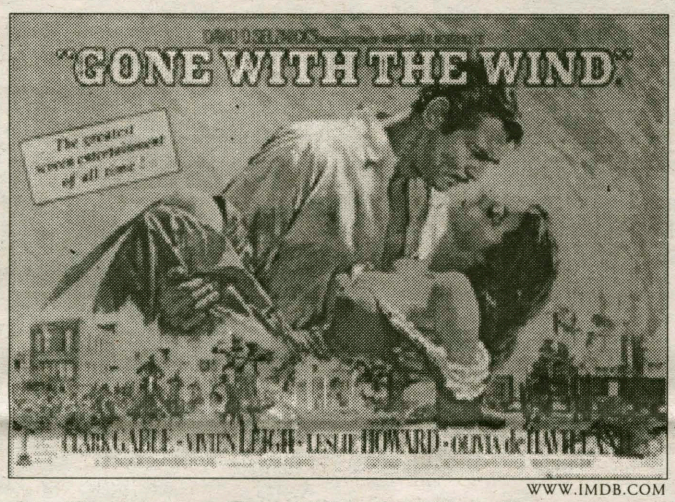
The most successful moment of this EP is the cover of Beck's "The Golden age." Wayne Coyne's high-pitched cries caress the gentle lyrics, while his simple piano chords provide a perfect accompaniment.

This album's a must for Lips fans, but newcomers should stick with the 'Yoshimi" album.
Bottom Line: B-

Movie News: Box Office Special

Brian Sweeney '06 reveals the truth about those all time box office records

This period in April is the down time before the summer onslaught. Next Friday is when the big movie season really begins, so there really has not been much to write about in terms of new releases for the past few weeks. Until then, I thought it might be interesting to discuss something that has always interested me: box office. Each week I include the top ten weekend box office results, but I never really discuss them. I won't be discussing last week's numbers here; I'd rather show you some all-time numbers.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Studio-rejected *Gone With the Wind* alternate titles: *Kiss My Grits*; *I Can't Feel My Leg*; *Trogdor: The Burninator Strikes Again*.

Many people like to bring up box office records as though it were an indicator of quality. The fact is that records probably meant more years ago then they do today, for the sole reason that they are getting broken so easily today. Back when there were no VCRs or DVDs the amount of money a movie made in the theaters was what determined its overall success. Today a movie can bomb in theaters and do amazingly well on video (*Austin Powers* or *The Shawshank Redemption*). Still, the fact remains that while many people may choose to stay at home and watch movies on their screen rather then on the big screen, people are still spending extraordinary amounts of money to see films in theaters and to see them for multiple times in theaters to boot. The amount of money that the most successful movies have grossed is truly unbelievable. During the first week of release for *Star Wars: Episode I* the movie was making, on average, more than $150 dollars a second.

Yet what I find most interesting about today's box office records is the emphasis that people put on the numbers themselves. The movie gross is really a representation of the amount of tickets sold. For a large amount of success a movie has to be able to garner repeat ticket sales. The biggest movies have a large amount of people seeing them two or three or 100 times in theaters. So it seems that the movies that make the most money are the most well received by the public. Yet wouldn't the more rational indicator be based upon the amount of tickets sold as opposed to the amount of money made?

Here are the top five movies of all time in millions of dollars (domestically): *Titanic* - $600.8, *Star Wars* - $460.9, E.T. - $435.1, *Star Wars: Episode I* - $431.1, *Spider-Man* - $403.7. Interestingly enough, three of the five have been released in the past five years. Of the three I would say that *E.T.* and *Star Wars* are the two most likely to remain (as they seem to have already become) classics whereas the others will probably just slip into the pop-culture graveyard at some point in the future. However, I find it more interesting to look at the top five films according to ticket sales and not final grosses. As it could have cost less then 50 cents for a movie ticket at some point (if grandparents aren't dirty, dirty liars) then a movie could have sold twice as many tickets as *Titanic* and would have made less than half of the money that that stupid boat movie did. So these numbers that I am about to list show the amount of money each movie released would have made if the cost of the tickets sold at there time where exactly (which means astronomically high) as they are now.

Here are the top five of all time as adjusted for inflation (also in millions): *Gone with the Wind* - $1,181.9 (yes that is 1.2 billion dollars!), *Star Wars* - $1,041.9, *The Sound of Music* - $833.1, *E.T.* - $829.8, and *The Ten Commandments* - $766.4. Of those five only two are also in the unadjusted category. What amazes me is that *Titanic* comes right after the fifth with an adjusted take of 755.8. The amount of money that movie made is unprecedented - it has made over a billion unadjusted in worldwide receipts. Oddly enough, I don't think it has had more affect on people in the years since its release. I would argue that a movie like *The Shawshank Redemption*, which only made 28.3 million dollars in its initial release, is significantly more appreciated today.

I do think that the amount of money a movie makes is a clear indicator of its popularity, yet we too often look at how much it is making and see it as an indicator of quality. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* is an interesting phenomenon. I'm sure word of mouth was a large factor, but I know that I didn't hear much personally of people who have seen it telling me it was great. What made me want to see it was the fact that week after week it was pulling in a lot of money. I saw it on DVD and didn't find it too be all that much different or better than your typical romantic/crazy family comedy. However the press it was getting as a result of its great business seemed to indicate to people (myself included) that it was deserved, and if you think that Nia Vardolos would have garnered that Best Original Screenplay Oscar Nomination if the movie wasn't as popular financially as it was then you are crazy. I would have much rather seen a movie like *About Schmidt* make the 241.4 million dollars that *Greek* has made. That's just not how it works.

In reality, when it comes to box office, for the most part, people don't really know what they are talking about. Just because movies are making so much these days doesn't mean that they are more popular than the movies of your parent's generation. *Gone with the Wind* is still the biggest movie of all time - not *Titanic*. Yes, it was re-released into theaters many times over the years, but I'll bet it was never in the amount of theaters or was on the amount of screens that movies today are capable of being shown on. However if you looked at today's Top 100 Highest Grossing Films of All Time – *Wind* would only rank as number 47. Seems odd to me... If you would like to look at more of these numbers go to www.boxofficemojo.com.

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BADASS MOVIE REVIEWS: THE MATRIX

Tim Mudie '05 swallows the red pill of badassity

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Skeptical about Neo's badass quotient? For God's sake the man has a fully-automatic assault rifle. Whoa. Yes.

How badass is this movie? Unfortunately, no one can be told how badass "The Matrix" is. You have to see it for yourself. But, since it's my job to let you know how badass certain movies are, I guess I'll just have to try my best.

"The Matrix" is the story of Neo, played by Keanu "I Know Kung-Fu" Reeves. Well, it's more than just the story of Neo, but he's the main character. So I'm saying it's his story. So there. I said it. And I'd say it again. Anyway. So, yeah, there's Neo, who's this hacker who is looking for information on another hacker, Morpheus. See, Neo knows something is not quite right with the world and thinks that Morpheus can tell him what exactly that is. It turns out that, rather than Neo finding Morpheus, Morpheus finds Neo. When he does find Neo he offers him a choice. The blue pill: go home and forget about the whole thing; or, the red pill: find out exactly what the Matrix is. Oddly enough I encountered a similar situation last weekend when... but I digress. Obviously, Neo chooses the red pill, which is lucky because the movie would have been pretty boring otherwise. So, Neo can find out what the Matrix is. Basically the Matrix is this giant computer program that machines have created to keep humans placated while they harvest the electricity from our brains so that they have a source of power because when the machines first began to revolt humans tried nuking them which blotted out the sun, the original source of the machines' power thus causing them to resort to vast fields of human clones which are harvested for energy. There you have it: the longest sentence in the history of "Badass Movie Reviews." You should be proud to have experienced it. Now, back to the review. To wrap it up relatively quickly (it's late and I still have some work to do) Neo is now free from the Matrix and he learns all sorts of martial arts. Then Morpheus gets caught by the agents of the Matrix, Neo and this girl Trinity have to go save him, there's a traitor to the humans' cause, etc. That's the general extent of the plot.

Exactly what makes this movie so damn badass? Frankly, the special effects are pretty mind-blowing the first time you see them, and even after. The famous "bullet time" effects in particular are most badass. When bullets are shot at Neo everything slows down and he can dodge the bullets with ease. He can also move extremely fast, jump huge distances and, in the end, fly. Now, I could do these things too... if I wanted to, which I don't. It looks cooler when Neo does it, anyway. Plus, how badass are the fight scenes? Unfortunately, I can't tell you exactly how badass the fight scenes are, but take my word for it, fists are flying with intense speed, people are flipping all over the place, running up walls, freezing in mid-air to kick people in the face; it's sweet. There's tons of guns, helicopters exploding, all sorts of jumping and punching and kicking and headbutting and um... jumping. Yeah, it's a good, badasseriffic time.

The second and third "Matrix" movies are coming coming out this May and August, respectively. I've seen previews for the second one and it looks to be even more badass than the original. Go down that rabbit hole of badass and watch "The Matrix" one more time before seeing the new ones. It will be sweet. I assure you. This has been "Badass Movie Reviews." Next week: "A Walk to Remember."

Ben Taylor Band on tour this summer with Dar Williams

Megan Semerod '06 tells you what to expect from the Ben Taylor Band

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Ben Taylor follows in his father's footsteps with thoughtful lyrics and a voice that could lull a crack addict to sleep. Yes.

I have this vivid memory of being a little girl and watching *Sesame Street* with my mom. This particular episode had her very excited because Carly Simon was singing Itsy Bitsy Spider with some kids and we wondered if any of them were really hers. I knew that Ben and Sally Taylor had sung back up in a few of their parents productions (Carly Simon and James Taylor), but 26 year old Ben Taylor sure isn't singing just back-up anymore.

The Ben Taylor Band is currently on Tour opening for New England folksinger, Dar Williams, and is promoting its newest release, *Famous Among the Barns* (2003). Taylor has written all the songs included on the CD with the exception of one, "Time of the Season." His version of this haunting Zombie's hit from the 1960s literally stops you in your tracks since he adds a unique style to the lyrics with a bend to the music that most covers never do.

Taylor is true to his folk-rock roots, and his dedication to the environment, which comes through, particularly in his emotional lyrics. There is a slow pace to his songs but his timing in bringing the listener to hear his message prevents them from becoming dull. Having grown up with James Taylor's "Sweet Baby James" as a lullaby, there is no denying the similarity in vocals between Ben and his father. However, Ben provides a clarity to his sound that defines his uniqueness. Tracks on this CD such as, "I Am the Sun" hint at his family heritage as well as deliver a consistent message of being open to life, love, and opportunity. "I am the sun/That's all I've ever been since I begun/All I'll ever be until I'm done/I wouldn't ever want to burn no one."

His ballads aren't sappy but make you think as well as feel. The title song, "Island" opens with Taylor's soft spoken decision to take charge of relationships before they take charge of you - "I'm an island /Can't you understand me I'm an Island/And I'm finally by myself /The way I've got to be."

In other tracks, Taylor goes on to prove that he's not a little boy - he's grown up from his days of standing in his parents' shadows. His adulthood is especially noticed in "Let It Grow," a commentary on society's ills.

"Drunken alcohol intoxication /I can't be trusted to control my own frustrations /And plus I'm prone to extreme exaggeration /I spend my mornings in regretful contemplation/But society approves it /So all my people run to use and use and use it / Because they need something to do."

Taylor and his guitar are backed by his band which includes, Larry Ciancia, drums; Adam MacDougall, keyboards and vocals; Joseph Dunne, bass and Rick Musallam, guitar and vocals. The band has tour dates with Dar Williams until the end of June.

Jazz Archive holds first annual Jazz Archive Day

Clinton – The Hamilton College Jazz Archive will be holding the very first Jazz Archive Day this Monday, April 28th.

Established in 1995 by Milton Fillius Jr. '44, The Jazz Archive boasts over 220 interviews with many prominent members of the jazz community. Mainstream jazz and the swing era musicians make up a large portion of the video-taped interview collections, including former musicians from bands led by Count Basie, Duke Ellington, and the Dorsey brothers.

Jazz Archive Day will showcase the vast collection of the archive. Beginning at noon, students will be able to visit listening and viewing stations in Café Opus. The stations will each be showing video interviews with musicians, arrangers, writers, and critics of Jazz. Patrons will also be able to visit the archive at any point during the day.

Director Monk Rowe will also present "Classic Clips," a collection of the best moments from the archive. Some highlights will include interviews with legendary trumpet/cornet player Nat Adderley, singer Jon Hendricks, trumpeter Joe Wilder, and singer Ruth Brown. The "Clips" presentation will begin in Café Opus at 7:30 p.m.

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Athletes of the week: lacrosse's stifling D

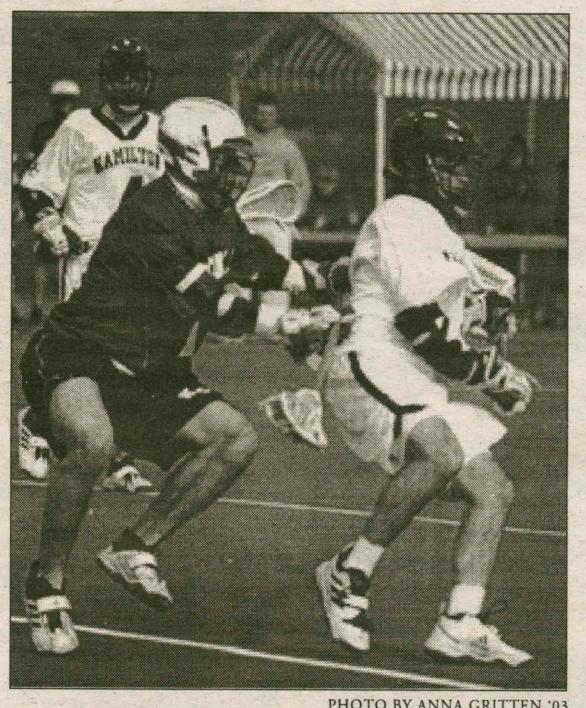
by Paul P. Jones '03
Sports Writer

This week's *Spectator* "Athlete of the Week" honors goes to the men's lacrosse defensive unit. The combination of goalie Jason Mleczko and defensemen Phil Sambazis, Rob Gifis and George Spilios has helped lead the 15th ranked Continentals to an 11-2 record. The Continentals will be looking to earn a trip to the NCAA tournament next weekend, as they will compete in the inaugural UCAA lacrosse tournament. Lets meet this intimidating foursome who attribute their success to "big sticks and bigger muscles".

Jason Mleczko '03
Hometown/High School: Nantucket, MA/St. Georges and Salisbury Prep
Major: Geology
Height/Weight: 6'5", 210lbs
Why did you come out of retirement this year to play: I just wanted to play. I missed the game and knew that we had a chance to go to the tournament. Phil talked me into it.
The toughest thing about coming out of retirement: The hardest thing about this season has been overcoming the obstacles stemming from being in a coma this December. I really had to start from scratch physically and regain my reaction speed. More importantly, I had to gain the trust of my team, coaches, and most importantly my defense, which is now the closest unit on the field.
How did you choose to become a goalie: I like being the quarterback of the defense, and being the last line of defense. I feel more in control of the game. I would not play goalie in any other sport, but in lacrosse, the goalie is more involved with the game and much more mobile on the field.
Do the balls hurt when they hit you: During the game, I do not feel them, but practice is another story. It is tough without the adrenaline that comes with a game. But I like nothing better than stuffing my attackman, who I feel is the best in the league.
One thing you would like to do before graduation: Get some good lovin' on the lacrosse field
Favorite wrestler: Sam Bowlby...the kid is a tank
What would you say if someone double dipped a chip: Reeeelax.... it would probably be me.
Plans for after graduation: Keep the family fishing business going in Nantucket, and expand it in Central America or the Caribbean.
If you won five million dollars what would be the first thing that you would buy: A pimped out sailboat that I could sail anywhere in the world.
Toughest opponent: We lost to RPI in overtime at their place; I hope we get another shot at them in the playoffs next week.
What do you think about lacrosse being the national sport of Canada: They don't play it right up there, they play it in a box, and they should stick to hockey, eh?
Favorite thing about being a geology major: That my thesis is finished, "The petrogenesis of the salts in Eastern Maine; a petrogenetic investigation".
Favorite rock formation: Don's Rok

Rob Gifis '04
Hometown/HighSchool Princeton NJ/National Sports Academy
Major: Woman's Studies and Economics
Height/Weight: 6'3" 235lbs, offenses fear my blue eyes and us.
Why did you choose defense: It is easier to hurt people with big sticks.
Why women's studies: I was having trouble with women freshman year, and once I started to loose my hair, it all started to fall into place.
Least favorite Hamiltonism: 2/3rds=1/4th, I don't think those numbers actually reflect the Hamilton community. Also, parking tickets, I wish we didn't have to park a mile away every day to get to practice.
Would you consider women's lacrosse, lacrosse: It's a completely different sport. It would help to have a sideline official to help explain the endless rules to the fans.
What do you do after you get scored on: We get scored on?

George Spilios '05



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The lacrosse team is cruising towards the UCAA Tournament, as the defensive unit leads the way. Expect Hamilton's opponents to struggle in putting goals on the board.

Hometown/High School: Newton Mass/Belmont Hill
Major: Public Policy
Height/Weight: 6'3", 210lbs
How did you get into defense: I was a little bit slower when I was younger so I started playing defense.
Least Favorite Hamiltonism: The new ice cream machine in Commons. It will be the downfall of future freshman classes.
Game rituals: After every goal we score, we come together for a fist pound. We also each have distinct eye-black patterns.
Favorite all-time wrestler: Hulk Hogan
What do you see yourself doing in ten years: Working for the family business.
Favorite opponent to beat: Clarkson because their attackmen have long hair.
Something you want to do before you graduate: Win the NCAA's.
First thing you would do if you won five million dollars: I would buy a Boston Celtics throw back jersey.

Phil Sambazis '03
Hometown/High School: Santa Barbara California/West Minster School
Major: Government
Height/Weight: 6'3" 215lbs, we are the most intimidating defense in the league.
Goals for the season: The whole team has been focused on winning the UCAA tournament and making it to the NCAAs.
Why did you start playing defense: I played lax for my high school football coach, and he recruited me to play and just put a long stick in my hand because I was a big guy.
I have heard that you also made a bit of a comeback this season: I should have surgery in the fall. I have dislocated my shoulder three times and was only benching 110lbs in the fall.
Does your defensive unit talk a lot of trash to the opposing attackmen: Yes, we talk to them about how they have no game. I often challenge them to take it to the goal against me, because I know I have my teammates behind me.
Favorite all-time wrestler: Macho Man Randy Savage... because he is sick off the ropes.
Something you would like to do before graduation: definitely have se...nah, nevermind. I just want to have some fun before I take off...do people still go out here? Does anyone want to give me a job?
First thing you would buy if you won five million dollars: I would buy Don's Rok and probably hire Greg Mooschella as my bouncer.
Opponent you dislike the most: I really hate Williams and love beating the bag out of them.
If you could be anyone for a day who would you be: I would want to be Snoop D.O. double G...fo shizzle.

Conts run away from competition at UCAA's

by Eleni Venturas'05
Sports Writer

RPI hosted the UCAA Outdoor Track Championships this weekend. Contrary to predictions, the weather was perfect. This lifted the spirits of the Continentals, who marched onto the track singing "Clarrisima." The elevated atmosphere proved to be prophetic. Both the Women's and Men's UCAA Runners of the Meet were from Hamilton College. Amanda Chase's ('03) stalwart performance did not go unnoticed by the officials. She was awarded the Women's USAA Athlete, winning both the 800m and 1500m. She also ran as part of the 4x800m team, which included Mara Dropkin-Frank '05, Andrea Stroud '03 and Eleni Venturas '05, which broke the UCAA record by 14 seconds.

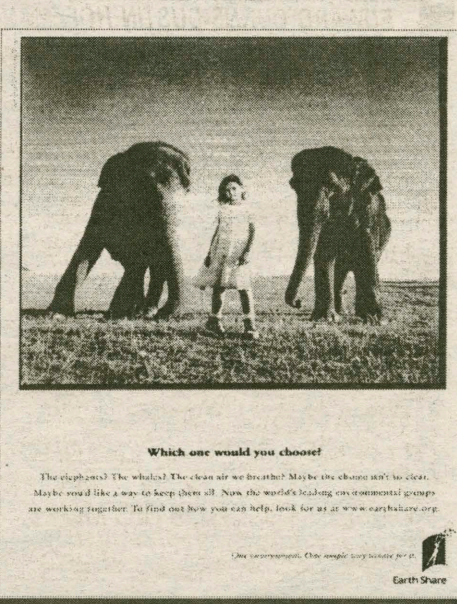
Olamide Harrison '05 also had a remarkable meet, and was named Men's UCAA Runner. He won the 200m dash, placed in the 100m, and ran more than capably in the sprint relays. Jay Russell '06 gave the men's 4x400m team a fairly decent start. Elijah Hulling '04 and Harrison widened the gap, despite a somewhat shaky handoff. Corey exemplified a first-rate anchor.

The day began with the sprints. Both Roxanne Hoek '03 and Julia Ho '06 made the finals of the 100m dash. Hoek took second in the finals with a 13.19 and continued in decent form to place third in the 200m. Dropkin-Frank competed in both the 200m and 400m. Katie Riposta '06 opened the season nicely with a swift 5:19 in the 1500m. The 5000m, typically a drab affair, was, in fact, a more gripping event this week. Marisabel Portillo '03 sparkled in this twelve lapper, breaking her personal best time by a remarkable 30 seconds. Stroud, having dipped in a tad of middle distance during the indoor season, returned to the hurdles. She hurdled the grueling 400m, and was joined in the 100m hurdles by Ben Wetstone '05, who finished in 19.47.

Two of the bravest Continentals, Kate Shirmer '05 and Ian Lawson '03, tackled arguably the most brutal of races, the steeplechase. The men's 100m dash was another exciting episode. This was so, not because of the universally appreciated speedsuits sported by certain individuals, but because four Hamiltonians, Harrison, Huling, Russell and Corey all made the finals. Corey secured an excellent start, but was edged out towards the end. Both Harrison and Huling placed.

Mike Thompson '03 continued his impressive form in the 400m. The men's middle distance racked up some points with Sam Fay '06, Matt Dresher '05 and Chris Dunn '05 in the 800m, and Andrew Downey '06 in the 1500m.

Ryan Palmitesso '03 cleared 1.80m in the high jump, while Tom Alberi '03 jumped 1.65m. Donnel Hudson '06 and Bob Croup '06 both long and tripled jumped. Steven Butterhof '05, Jay Rohl '06 and Bob Pucko '03 shot put and threw hammer.



Sports

Baseball drops five on busy three day stretch

by Michael Proia '05
Sports Editor

The baseball team could certainly have used a weekend off so that the pitching staff could rest its arms, but unfortunately, Hamilton had to play five games in three days last weekend. Hamilton (3-18) dropped all five games, three to Amherst College (13-7) and two to Williams College (17-6).

It is never easy for a team to play 41 innings in three days, especially a team that was overworked entering the weekend. A rainout of Tuesday's scheduled game against Utica gave Hamilton a much needed rest, but they go right back into battle this weekend with three games in two days at Wesleyan College.

Last Friday, Hamilton and Amherst took the field with Hamilton hoping to end a five game losing streak. David Greene '03 took the hill for the Conts, and struggled mightily in the second inning. Amherst scored seven runs on seven hits, including two home runs, to grab a big lead early. It was 8-0 in the fourth before Hamilton plated its first run on a sacrifice fly by Jon Fehlman '03, scoring Jack Halas '03.

Fehlman added another RBI in the sixth as Hamilton tried to fight its way back into the game, but Amherst came right back with three in the seventh to put the game out of reach. Hamilton scored four in the seventh thanks in part to a home run by Halas, but still trailed 13-7 en route to a 14-7 final.

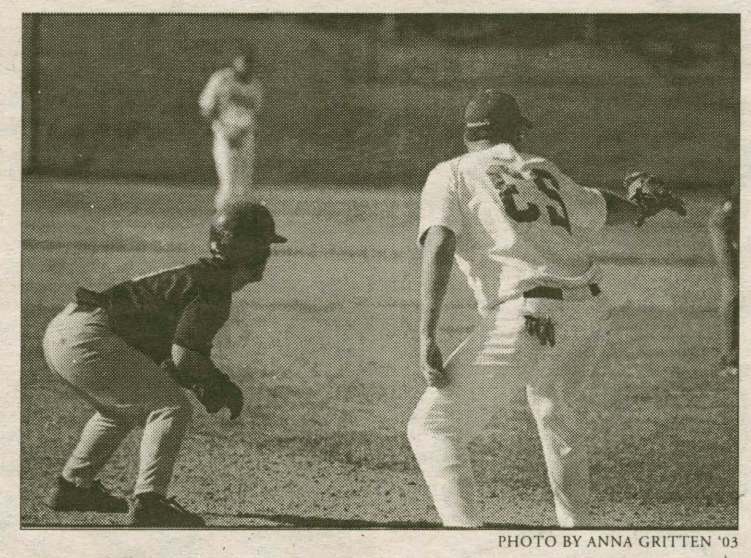
Greene took the loss, going six and one-third innings, allowing thirteen runs, nine earned, on sixteen hits and two walks. Chris Keen '06 pitched well in relief, allowing one run in two and two-third innings.

Halas led the Conts at the plate, going two for five with two runs scored and two runs batted in.

Hamilton and Amherst played a double-header on Saturday, with Amherst winning both games. In game one, Hamilton led 4-3 after four innings. Hamilton scored three runs in the fourth, two of them coming in on balks by Amherst pitcher Ed Imperatore.

But Amherst plated five in the fifth and four more in the sixth to take the lead. Tom Sullivan had a homerun in each inning for Amherst, and John Schneider also added a pair of long balls in the contest. The Lord Jeffs did not look back, going on to win 13-5. Paul Kibbe took the loss for Hamilton, pitching six innings, allowing twelve runs, eight of them earned.

Game two was a blowout from the start for Amherst. The Jeffs plated four runs in both the first and third innings on their way to a 21-0 victory. Hamilton used four pitchers in the contest, with Jaime Mathews '06 collecting the loss. Amherst scored its twenty-one runs on 26 hits, and got some help from Hamilton's defense, which committed four errors. Meanwhile, the Conts managed only four hits in the game, none after the fifth inning. The wins kept Amherst on top of the NESCAC, while Hamilton remained in last after the three-game set.



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Jon Fehlman holds an opponent close to first base.

Williams came to town on Sunday, and picked up right where Amherst left off, handing Hamilton a pair of lopsided defeats. The games were being made up from cancellations on April 5.

In game one, Hamilton again stumbled through a couple of rough innings, but played well for most of the game. In the end, Williams came away with an 11-4 victory. For Hamilton, Nick DeMartini '06 went four and two-third innings and allowed nine runs, all earned, on ten hits and three walks.

After going down 3-0 early, Hamilton scored a run in both the second and third to cut the lead to one. Fehlman homered to lead off the second, and Halas doubled in the third, scoring on a throwing error. Williams answered back, with five in the fifth to put the game away.

"When you get down early, it's hard not to get that 'here we go again' mentality at this point," said captain Charles Spiliotis '03. "We have shown the ability to come back, but we have not stepped up at the start of games this year."

Game two was another one-sided affair, as Williams beat Hamilton 17-1. Hamilton's lone run was scored by Wes Sherman '04, who narrowly beat a throw from right field to the plate, on a sacrifice fly from Spiliotis. Williams' pitcher, Ryan Paylor, stifled Hamilton hitters, striking out ten batters in seven and one-third innings of work. Hamilton's pitchers combined to give up nineteen hits for seventeen runs, five unearned. Matt Keough '04 took the loss as the starter, and Ben Preston-Fridman '06 and Peter Burke '06 both worked in relief.

Some light at the end of the tunnel finally came for Hamilton, with a 13-9 victory over Utica College, in a makeup contest yesterday. The Continentals finally managed to get an early lead, plating four in the second, highlighted by a Fehlman two-run homerun. They got five more in the third, as Fehlman doubled in Halas and Spiliotis to get another rally started. The home team cruised the rest of the way, despite some late runs by the Pioneers. Spiliotis paced the Conts with four hits and a homerun of his own , while Matthews earned his first career victory, allowing just two earned over seven, striking out four.

On the season, Halas leads the Conts in most offensive categories, batting .338, with four homeruns, fifteen RBI, and seventeen runs scored. Sherman has been a pleasant surprise in his first year on the team, batting .301 with fifteen runs scored.

On the mound, Keen's 1.88 ERA leads the team for the season, well below the team average of 7.42. Hamilton has surrendered 95 unearned runs in addition to the 121 earned runs, compounding the problems on the scoreboard. The Conts defense has committed 74 errors on the year, by far a league high.

Despite a rough season, Spiliotis suggests that there is plenty about which to be optimistic. "Some of the young guys have shown a lot of promise. It's hard when a lot of your pitchers don't have a lot of starts under their belts, but once these guys get some experience, they will be pitchers that keep you in every game,"

Sherman added to Spiliotis' sentiments, saying, "The fact that we have played competitively unti the final inning with teams like Middlebury is a positive sign. And a lot of the freshmen and sophomores have shown that they will contribute big things in the future."

Softball shows improvement in last four games

by Joshua Sargen '05
Sports Editor

The Continentals had a busy three days, playing four games between last Saturday and Monday. In those contests, Hamilton showed vast improvement over its first sixteen games, in which it posted a 3-13 record and did not play a great deal of consistent softball.

On Saturday, the Continentals hosted a double-header against Wesleyan, a team with talent but also youth. The Cardinals only have two seniors that start regularly and six of their regulars are freshmen or sophomores.

Both games saw phenomenal pitching and solid defense by the home squad, as the Continentals played arguably two of their finest games of the season. Amanda Fix'03 and Lindsay Eaton'05 combined to pitch fourteen innings of efficient softball, giving up a paltry five runs and eleven hits. Behind Hamilton's pitchers, the defense played steadily, committing two errors in each game, an improvement over previous outings.

In the first contest, Hamilton jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first inning. That cushion proved to be enough, despite the Cardinals two run fourth inning, as the Continentals held onto a 3-2 victory.

Following its win, Hamilton hoped to take the second game of the double-dip. The second contest saw the same score as the first; however, the Continentals were on the wrong end of the scoreboard, falling 3-2 to a resilient Wesleyan squad.

Hamilton once again struck first, plating a run in the first inning. The score remained 1-0 until the top of the fourth, when Wesleyan put together a three run rally that proved enough to secure the win. The Continentals squeezed the Cardinal lead to one in the sixth, but neither team scored in the seventh and Wesleyan left the Hill with a 1-1 split in the two game series.

Two days later, St. Lawrence visited Clinton and found the road to be a friendly place. The Saints brought a potent offense with them and were able to reach double-digits in each game.

In the first contest, Michelle Ciricelli carried the offensive load for the Saints, driving in three runs on two hits. Heather Tuttle was one of three Saints to knock in two runs and the pitcher also led the team with three hits.

For the Continentals, Krista Marran'04 provided a miniature offensive explosion, contributing four RBIs on three hits. Displaying the team's offensive balance, every Continental either collected a hit or a run scored.

Despite Hamilton's explosive offense, St. Lawrence edged the Continentals 10-9 in game one.

In game two, the Cardinals had another successful offensive outing, but Hamilton was only able to muster four runs, and St. Lawrence went on to an 11-4 victory.

The first three innings of the game were low scoring and extremely close. St. Lawrence held a 1-0 lead going into the fourth and the game appeared to be unfolding in just the opposite fashion of the first contest. Nevertheless, the Cardinals' offense reappeared in the top of the fourth, as the visitors plated nine in the decisive frame of the game.

Hamilton answered back with three runs in the bottom of the inning, but the Continentals were essentially out of the contest following the Saints nine-run explosion. The game ended after the sixth with a final score of 11-1, and St. Lawrence left the Hill with two wins under their collective belt.

Except for the nightmarish fourth in game two of the St. Lawrence series, the Continentals played twenty-six innings of competitive softball in its last four games. This competitiveness seems to bode well for the team's final eight games, in which five are at home.